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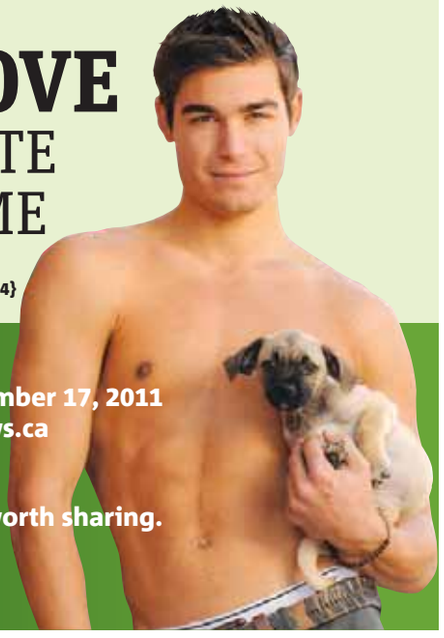

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Tigers. Triumph

▶ Townsend Tigers captain Alisa Sultana, 9, lifts the championship trophy after beating Jarome Iginla and his Calgary Flames.

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Townsend Tigers win 30th in a row

In a nail-biting finish, the mighty Townsend Tigers held off a late offensive surge by the Calgary Flames to earn their 30th consecutive victory in the annual charity wheelchair hockey game at the Alberta Children's Hospital. Among those battling it out for the Flames were captain Jarome Iginla, forwards Olli Jokinen and Mikael Backlund, along with defencemen Mark Giordano and Jay Bouwmeester. **See story, page 8.**

Park 'n' Ride costs may vary

Committee votes in favour of assessing price of parking on a lot-by-lot basis Mayor says current cost system doesn't need to change

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Commuters could see some changes to Calgary Transit's Park 'n' Ride system in the near future; however, the mayor is questioning the need to fix a system he says isn't broken.

Aldermen voted in favour of evaluating the cost of reserved spots on a lot-by-lot basis based on demand rather than sticking with $70 per month across the board.

Ald. Shane Keating argued doing away with a universal cost for reserved parking might become confusing for Calgarians.

"The complication is going to drive us to drink," he said during debate.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi argued it's simply not necessary.

"When you look at the actual results in the report, the survey results, you see a program that's actually working pretty well," he said.

"There are a number of other things we need to solve about transit and council is making it sound a bit like this is the No. 1 issue and I would suggest it isn't."

Administration was also directed to look into implementing a daily reservation that would allow customers to book a stall through the use of a ParkPlus cellphone system.

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Occupy fire fuels safety concerns

Eviction notices were handed out Tuesday Issuing court orders is the next step, says bylaw official

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The city's bylaw boss says an early-morning tent fire in Olympic Plaza that sent two Occupy Calgary demonstrators to hospital "validates what we've been saying all along."

Calgary firefighters were called to Olympic Plaza early yesterday morning after receiving reports of a smoldering tent.

Around 1:30 a.m., one man and another male bystander were treated for injuries by EMS while fire crews extinguished hot spots.

"It all happened so fast," said demonstrator Randy Smalleyes. "In twenty or thirty seconds it was all over."

Director of Animal and Bylaw Services Bill Bruce spoke with media at city hall and highlighted his concerns around safety.

"There's a safety issue here and it's of grave concern to us, especially with the weather forecast," said Bruce. "(The protesters are) not equipped to manage those temperatures. Trying to heat a tent with a candle, and look what happened. Two people were taken to hospital."

Bruce said he is hoping to meet with the city's public-safety groups to discuss what action should be taken.

"As you know, when the weather dips below -15 C, protective services moves into a different mode where we have to actually find people who are exposed and get them into safety, so that's something we have to have a talk about with our public-safety group."

At press time, demonstrators continued to occupy Olympic Plaza, and bylaw officers had yet to return to the area after issuing 24-hour eviction notices Tuesday morning.

Chief's stance

▶ Hanson

While walking past Olympic Plaza yesterday on his way to a meeting, police Chief Rick Hanson addressed media questions.

- Hanson said the police and the city are handling Occupy Calgary within the framework of laws, but the Charter of Rights and Freedoms supersedes bylaws.
- Hanson said police will continue to monitor the camp for any signs of criminal activity.
- "This isn't anything magical here," he said. "It's not the first time there's been protests in Calgary."

KATIE TURNER/METRO

▶ A lighter and tent pole were some of the items left on the ground near remnants of a burnt tent at Olympic Plaza. A fire broke out inside the tent injuring two Occupy Calgary protesters early yesterday.

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Sales tax not happening: Premier

Alberta Premier Alison Redford moved yesterday to squelch any suggestion that her government might bring in a provincial sales tax after her finance minister merely mentioned the politically perilous issue a day earlier.

"We're very proud of the fact that we've never had a provincial sales tax and we will never have a provincial sales tax," Redford told reporters in Toronto, where she was giving a speech to the Economic Club of Canada.

In a speech Tuesday, Finance Minister Ron Liepert mentioned that a sales tax had come up in pre-budget consultations and needed to be discussed sooner or later.

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Police deem man's death suspicious

Investigators have ruled the death of a man whose body was found inside a northeast home Sunday non-accidental but haven't determined whether foul play was involved.

Police identified the individual yesterday as 19-year-old Gallasa Moude.

"What's present inside the residence is what leads us to believe it is suspicious.... We are not finished at the crime scene," police Staff Sgt. Grant Miller said yesterday.

Miller could not elaborate on what was inside the home, but did say the victim was not living there.

Moude's actions in the days leading up to his death are still to be sorted out, but he was charged with drug and weapons-related offences in northern Alberta earlier this year.

100 Gallasa Moude's body was found inside a home in the 100 block of Falmer Way N.E.

Miller said family members living in another region of Canada called police to check on his welfare over the weekend.

As is standard procedure with any suspicious death, homicide investigators are on scene at the home. Police hope to release more information later today.

JEREMY NOLAIS

Soccer club kicks its own facility into mix

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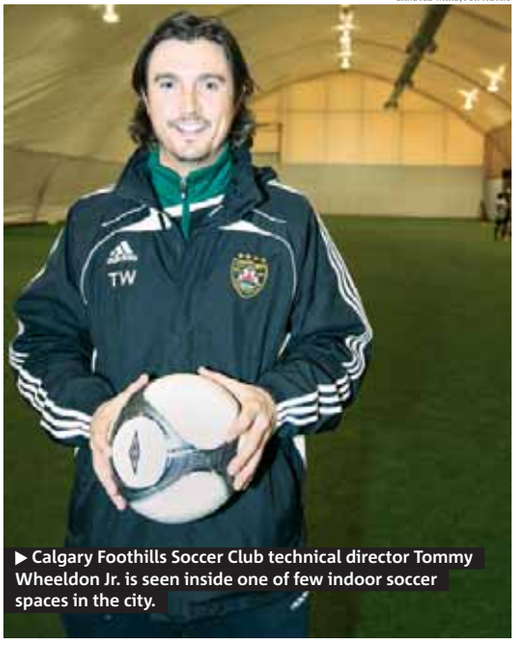

▶ Calgary Foothills Soccer Club technical director Tommy Wheeldon Jr. is seen inside one of few indoor soccer spaces in the city.

Three-field facility opening next month to be available for rent

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Training pains caused by Calgary's long-standing indoor-soccer-field shortage has led one club to take matters into its own hands.

Next month, the Calgary Foothills Soccer Club will unveil a new training facility converted from an old manufacturing plant at 3916–56th Ave. S.E. Featured inside the 30,000-square-foot space will be three full-size fields available for use seven days a week.

"Sadly, it was the reality for us," said the club's technical director Tommy Wheeldon Jr. "We can't understand with the amount of money corporate Calgary has why they can't invest it back into the youth."

Calgary has struggled with indoor soccer space since the bubble-dome portion of the Subway Soccer Centre collapsed for a second time last year.

Metro first reported in September that construction of a replacement, annex-style building at the site could be delayed until late next year; however, recent rumours have suggested that timeline could be shortened. Private partners have also come forward with plans to construct a $10-million indoor facility near the airport.

Finally, the northeast Genesis Centre, scheduled to open in January, will feature two indoor fields.

In the meantime, schedule makers have been forced to squeeze games into every available timeslot on the city's remaining fields.

Daryl Leinweber with the Calgary Minor Soccer Association applauded Foothills' efforts, but said there are some drawbacks.

"I think it puts some of our community groups at a disadvantage where they don't have the opportunity to build, develop or rent their own facility," he said.

50 teams to play

▶ The Calgary Foothills Soccer Club features 50 teams and intends to have each one practice 2-3 times per week.

Situation up north

To gain perspective on the plight facing Calgary indoor soccer teams, one needs only to head up Highway 2, says Daryl Leinweber with the Calgary Minor Soccer Association.

He said indoor soccer teams in Edmonton are each granted one to two practice sessions on turf fields per week because there are approximately three times the number available compared to Calgary.

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Advisory members selected

Calgary Transit has formally selected the 12 people that will sit on its first customer advisory group.

Overall, 125 applications were received and members were chosen on their ability to represent Calgary's diverse population, according to a release.

"There were many excellent applications and it was difficult narrowing the number down to 12," said Doug Morgan, Manager of Service Design for Calgary Transit.

"We needed representation from a wide cross-section ... I think they will do a great job."

The first advisory group meeting will be held Dec. 1.

METRO

Art policy 'not optional': Ald.

An oversight has left lingering questions about when, and if, mandated public art will ever come to fruition.

When council initially approved the western leg of Calgary's LRT, one per cent of the total budget wasn't set aside for public-art funding — a policy that council has in place.

Ald. Druh Farrell argued in a city committee yesterday that the policy is not optional.

"I recognize the financial constraint," said Farrell. "What concerns me is public-art policy is exactly that: it's a council policy and until it's not a policy it's to be followed."

$8.9M Under council's public-art policy, a total of $8.9 million, or one per cent of the total cost of the West LRT, has to be dedicated to public art.

The project is currently facing a cost overrun of $35 million; however, Ald. Andre Chabot agreed the money will need to be found for the art funding.

"First of all, why wasn't it budgeted for? And how do we find the money to accommodate for it?" he said. "Somehow, some way, we're going to have to find it."

KATIE TURNER

Groupon clarifies its rules for Albertans

- Investigation launched by province in August over voucher expirations
- Deal offered can expire, but initial monetary value paid remains

▶ Consumers will be still be able to gain something from this steak dinner Groupon even after it expires following an investigation by the province.

Other inquiries ongoing

Service Alberta is still in discussions regarding expiration dates with major Groupon competitors, including WagJag, TeamBuy and SwarmJam.

Spokesperson Mike Berezowsky said he hopes the voucher providers will follow Groupon and also honour the monetary value paid for the voucher even after it expires.

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Don't throw away your expired Groupons.

That's the message from provincial officials, who recently wrapped an investigation into the major deal-of-the-day online coupon provider.

Concerns from Alberta consumers were initially raised in August that the expiration on certain vouchers offered by the website might be a violation of the provincial Gift Card Regulation.

Introduced in 2008, the legislation prohibits expiry dates on gift cards, gift certificates and vouchers that have monetary value.

Mike Berezowsky, with Service Alberta, said Groupon has now clarified that the promotional deal offered on a voucher may expire but it still retains the monetary value initially paid by the consumer.

"Groupon has been incredibly co-operative.... They have made changes to their merchant agreements and vouchers," he said.

In an emailed statement yesterday, Groupon spokesperson Julie Mossler said the organization was happy with the outcome.

"It just seems to have been an education issue," she added.

Berezowsky said vouchers that expired prior to the investigation should still be honoured as well, providing customers haven't tossed them out.

"At the end of the day, it's good news for consumers," he said. "This has helped consumers know exactly what they are paying for with these vouchers."

Looking forward

- Service Alberta spokesperson Mike Berezowsky said his organization's focus may now turn to merchants not honouring the original value paid for the Groupon.
- So far, there has been one reported complaint of this kind in Calgary.

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Tigers, Flames renew friendly rivalry

- Youngsters relish the chance to play with the pros
- Annual wheelchair hockey tradition began in 1981

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The Calgary Flames extended their longest losing streak in club history yesterday.

Over the last 30 years, the Flames have been unable to defeat the Townsend Tigers in the annual wheelchair hockey game hosted at the Alberta Children's Hospital.

"We have had some close ones — this is one of the closer ones I have been a part of," said Flames captain Jarome Iginla.

The Tigers beat the Flames by a score of 7-6, with the Flames almost coming back to tie the game in the final seconds. A last-minute shot rang off the post.

"It is really just a day that we can have together and smile."
JAROME IGINLA, CALGARY FLAMES CAPTAIN, ON THE ANNUAL WHEELCHAIR HOCKEY GAME

"The goalie had a big save; otherwise, we would have gone into overtime," said Iginla.

Iginla has been playing in the annual wheelchair game for the past 16 years and tallied one of his first goals in a number of years.

For Iginla, the game is obviously not about posting big numbers but the excitement the children get out of the experience of playing against the professionals.

"It is really just a day that we can have together and smile," said Iginla.

The Tigers were excited about their big win over the pros, but were humble in their victory.

"My favourite part of the game was the fans," said Alisa Sultana, the nine-year-old captain of the Tigers.

No rest for Flames

- Yesterday's game at the Alberta Children's Hospital consisted of three, 10-minute periods.
- Turning to pro action, the Calgary Flames' next home game is Friday, when they will attempt to end a three-game losing streak.

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▶ Townsend Tigers playmaker Haley Williams, 12, works the ball around Calgary Flames forward Olli Jokinen yesterday.

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News in brief

Paxton trial held over for weeks

Arguments regarding a stay application by defence counsel for Dustin Paxton will see the accused torturer's trial held over nearly two weeks.

Paxton has been charged with aggravated assault, sexual assault and unlawful confinement of his former roommate and business partner. METRO

Computer repair leads to child-porn charges

Police have charged a 65-year-old Calgary man with accessing and possessing child porn after a computer-repair technician noticed suspect images on his computer.

Investigators say Bernard Hyde brought his computer into a local business for repairs in late October when an employee noticed the images. METRO

10 years sought for pedophile

Crown prosecutors are reportedly seeking a jail sentence of at least 10 years for a Calgary man who used his computer for sexual communication with more than 300 minors.

Max David Miller, 26, pleaded guilty in April to charges of luring, sexual assault, sexual counselling and extortion, as well accessing, possessing and distributing child porn.

Court was adjourned until Nov. 25 when the defence is scheduled to make its submissions on a sentence. METRO

RAM back on track

$92.5 million promised through Building Canada Fund, with conditions Edmonton mayor rejects notion museum boost could affect LRT, arena dollars

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The Royal Alberta Museum will charge ahead, thanks to a new $92.5-million federal boost.

Edmonton MP Laurie Hawn said yesterday the funding is conditional on a contract inked by January and the start of digging by Nov. 30, 2012.

"It's shovels in the ground that make our economy function and put Albertans to work, and that's what both governments are focused on," said Hawn.

This brings Ottawa's backing to $122.5 million for the $340-million project, with the latest instalment from the Building Canada Fund.

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▶The winning design for the future Royal Alberta Museum in Edmonton.

Last month Jeff Johnson, Alberta's minister of infrastructure, suddenly put the RAM on hold, citing a shortfall from Ottawa.

Hawn chalked it up yesterday to a "miscommunication" and "a misunderstanding."

Johnson seemed confident yesterday he could meet the feds' deadlines.

"I don't see any reason why we're not going to have (design-build contracts) signed by the end of the week," said Johnson.

Funding

- Of available Building Canada dollars, two-thirds are earmarked for infrastructure, while a third of the grant money goes to cultural projects like the RAM, said MP Laurie Hawn.
- Ledcor and Dialog were announced in September as winning partners to build the new RAM, to replace the 44-year-old building that currently houses the museum.
- The new RAM is expected to open on Edmonton's old post office site in 2015.
- The space, which will be 36,000 square feet, will include twice the gallery space.

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▶ Calgary skateboarder Paul Kent zooms by on a local pathway yesterday.

Speeding his way to No. 1

Calgary's Paul Kent started longboarding 9 years ago The world championship race was held in Hallandale, Fla., earlier this month

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One Calgary skateboarder has got what it takes to go the distance.

After a close battle all season, Paul Kent of Calgary won the world championship title in distance skateboard racing in Florida, by one point.

Kent beat out fellow competitor Jeff Vyain of New York City.

"We were within inches of each other, it was back and forth," said Kent.

After taking a hard fall during the championship race, Kent battled back to catch Vyain just towards the end of the final race.

"I had to sprint to catch him," said Kent.

At the end, the two finished the 41.5-kilometre race at the same time.

"We grabbed each other's hands and crossed the line together," said Kent.

Although Kent said the race was a tie, technically, he finished slightly ahead of Vyain and his time is now pending confirmation as the new world-record time at the marathon distance.

Kent started out the season by winning first place in Georgia and Alabama, followed by a number of second-place finishes.

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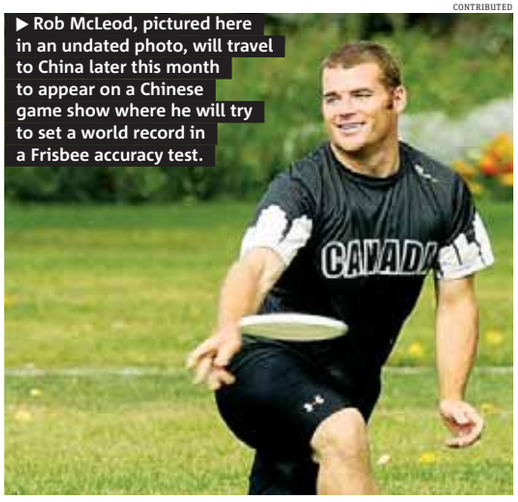

▶ Rob McLeod, pictured here in an undated photo, will travel to China later this month to appear on a Chinese game show where he will try to set a world record in a Frisbee accuracy test.

Aiming to set a record

Ace Frisbee flinger says perfection comes from hours of practice

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Flinging Frisbees is a way of life for one Calgarian, and he's set to put a new spin on an old pastime.

Rob McLeod will head to China Nov. 30 to appear on a Chinese game show, Zheng Da Zong Yi, where he will attempt to set a Guinness world record for hitting cans with Frisbees along a 26-metre table.

"I love throwing a Frisbee, it's my form of meditation, and to see all the opportunities that have come from doing what I love is truly an incredible feeling," said McLeod, 29.

McLeod was first contacted by the show's producer, Cathy Leishuang, a little over a month ago, and the pair went back and forth over possibilities for the world-record attempt.

"It's all about muscle repetition; it's all about muscle memory. You have to put in those 10,000 hours."
ROB MCLEOD, FRISBEE FANATIC

Eventually they settled on the accuracy test, as it suited television production the best, said McLeod.

The world-record attempts won't stop with McLeod's Asia adventure. He'll return home and later this year will attempt a couple more slated to take place on the Bowness Lagoon.

For those looking to perfect their Frisbee game, McLeod says it's all practice.

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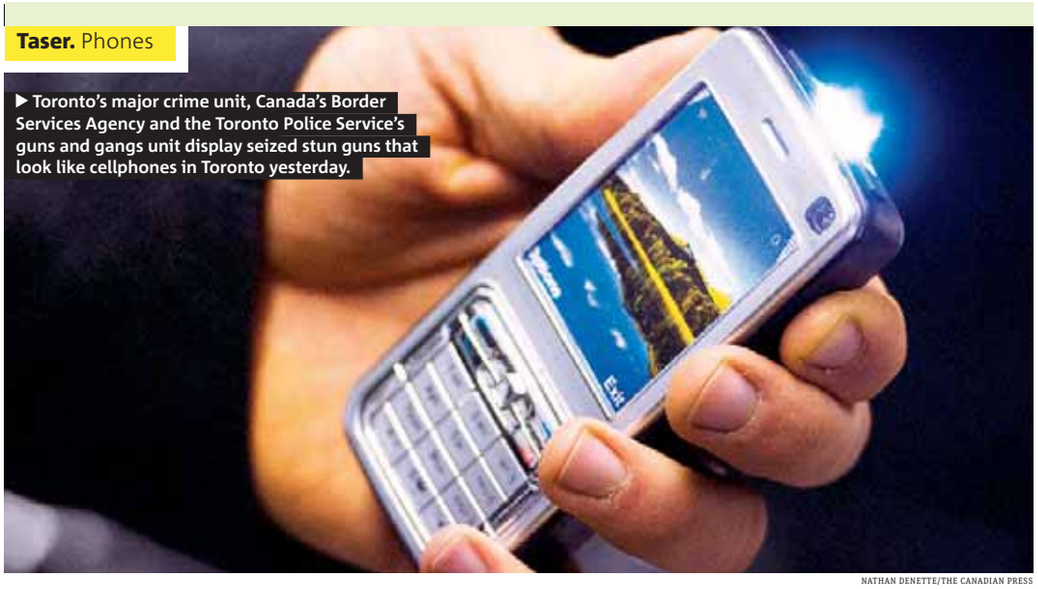

▶ Toronto's major crime unit, Canada's Border Services Agency and the Toronto Police Service's guns and gangs unit display seized stun guns that look like cellphones in Toronto yesterday.

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Law enforcement happens upon incognito arms

Toronto police have uncovered a cache of weapons worthy of a spy novel. Yesterday officers showed off dozens of stun guns — which look like thick cellphones with tiny prongs at one end — that were seized by police in a raid last week, along with boxes of fake lipsticks and lighters that spray tear gas. The weapons stash also included a TEC-9 submachine gun, a Cobra nine-millimetre handgun, several butterfly knives and brass knuckles.

Vigilante crime fighters hang up their capes

Pedophile-busting superheroes scolded by Mounties after videos go viral

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Four men have promised to put aside their brief stint as crime fighters after videos of their costumed adventures caught the eye of RCMP.

The vigilante justice came in the form of To Troll a Predator, a series of YouTube videos where the men — three teenagers and a 20-year-old — pose as a 15-year-old girl on dating sites and agree to meet up with older men in a public location.

When the contact arrives, the men — armed with a camera — spring into action dressed as Batman and the Flash, accuse them of being pedophiles and publicly shame them.

As amusing as the viral videos may be, RCMP were less than thrilled.

"This activity is not something the RCMP would condone or recommend," said spokesperson Cpl. Tammy Hollingsworth in a written statement. "Unfortunately, these youths and men didn't consider the potential consequences of their actions, or the impact to their personal safety or the safety of other youths and the community."

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▶ A screen grab from a To Troll a Predator YouTube video

RCMP say the "superheroes" have been contacted by police and have agreed to stop their escapades.

The RCMP's integrated child exploitation unit is now involved, though it's not known whether the alleged predators in the videos are being investigated.

New RCMP chief to tackle harassment

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Incoming RCMP commissioner Bob Paulson steps into his new job with a daunting task — get to the bottom of harassment within the national police force.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews introduced the veteran Mountie to media yesterday and immediately announced that the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP will investigate the issue that has dogged the force for years.

The new commissioner endorsed the move wholeheartedly and said stamping out harassment will be the first item on his plate.

"I will sort this out in a way that Canadians can have trust and faith in the RCMP and, just as importantly, that employees of the RCMP can thrive in a healthy, productive and harassment-free environment."

"This does not represent the force that I joined and this condition cannot stand."
BOB PAULSON, INCOMING RCMP COMMISSIONER

The new commissioner has had a distinguished 25-year career with the RCMP, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a statement. "As a senior police leader with broad experience across the RCMP's complex mandate, he brings with him a deep understanding of the challenges facing the force." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Sex toys, underwear stolen

RCMP in New Brunswick say more people are coming forward complaining that sex toys and women's underwear were stolen from their homes.

Last Thursday, police reported there had been seven break-ins in the Saint-Paul and Sainte-Marie areas where women's undergarments and sex toys were taken.

They now say four more people have come forward with similar complaints since then.

The thefts, all committed while the homes were empty, began in July.

In one case, officers say lingerie was taken from a clothesline.

Police say they believe there may be more people who had such items stolen but may be reluctant to come forward.

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Occupying a generation

Expert calls movement that brought together unionists, students and other groups unprecedented in recent memory Everyone wondering how long it can survive after protesters hauled away from worldwide sites

The Occupy protest is the most important democratic social movement of the last two generations and demonstrators who have taken over parks and other public spaces should be left alone, an expert in social movements says.

As civic authorities across Canada and the U.S. move to end the various occupations, Vincent Mosco, professor emeritus of sociology at Queen's University, says the "extraordinary" movement had created a rarely seen coalition.

"It's everywhere — not just in large cities, but in small towns," Mosco said.

Back in the 1970s, he said, construction workers beat up anti-war students in the streets of New York City. Now, the workers go with their own protest signs and join the Occupy Wall Street demonstration in the city's Zuccotti Park.

Earlier this week, authorities cleared the Manhattan plaza, a scene that's been playing out around the world over the past few days.

But Mosco believes the movement would survive because of its significance, even if protesters end up evicted from their last remaining strongholds.

No matter what happens, Mosco said they have already made people pay attention to issues of wealth distribution and democracy.

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Protesters cleared from Occupy Regina

Police and city bylaw officials have cleared the last remaining tents from the Occupy Regina protest site.

The city says police went to Victoria Park in downtown Regina late Tuesday and found two people in the park along with nine tents.

Both people were given tickets, bringing the total to nine tickets issued since Monday.

Police and city staff went back to the park at 5 a.m. and found the tents empty and the site abandoned.

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Occupy Vancouver

The City of Vancouver changed its game plan yesterday and now wants the Occupy encampment outside the Vancouver Art Gallery removed for "trespassing."

Lawyer Ben Parkin told B.C. Supreme Court Justice Anne MacKenzie the city is now seeking a court injunction on the grounds that the occupation is in breach of the land regulation bylaw.

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Occupy London

London officials attached eviction notices to protest tents outside St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday. They are asking demonstrators to remove the camp by Thursday evening or face legal action.

Cathedral and city officials had offered the protesters a deal to allow them to stay until the new year if they then agreed to leave. But the corporation said Tuesday that talks had failed.

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Occupy Seattle

An 84-year-old woman in Seattle has quickly become a face of the national Occupy Wall Street movement after she was hit with pepper spray during a march after police told the group they had to move.

"They picked up their bicycles and started shoving them at us and confining us in a very small place and they started to pepper spray," she said.

Six people were arrested, but not the woman.

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Vegas protesters keep the peace despite hard times

There are no police in riot gear here, no bulldozers levelling protest encampments.

In a city that celebrates behaving badly, Occupy Las Vegas protesters are touting civil obedience and government co-operation as anti-Wall Street efforts elsewhere have turned to violence and police confrontations.

Las Vegas demonstrators have sought approval from government leaders and police before protesting or setting up a camp site. They called off a protest during President Barack Obama's visit to Las Vegas last month because police asked them to do so. And they have created a system of protest rules that ban, among other things, lawbreaking and hate signs.

The good behaviour in Las Vegas and other Occupy efforts across Nevada is even more noteworthy because Nevadans may have the most cause to rage against the machine. The state tops the U.S. in foreclosures, and unemployment and entire neighbourhoods have been overtaken by vacant homes and storefronts.

But while protesters in other cities such as Oakland, California and Portland, Oregon riot and rage, the Vegas group is hosting a series of free foreclosure mediation workshops for homeowners who are underwater on their mortgages.

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▶ Earla Penn came from LaPush, Wash., to join the Occupy Las Vegas protesters at their camp site, Tuesday.

Unknown future

- It's unclear whether the peace pushers will be able to tame the more aggressive voices within the Occupy movement in Las Vegas.
- A local militant group tried last week to convince the protesters in the city to arm themselves.
- Others have simply urged organizers to take a more forceful stand and stop being so darn nice.

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▶ Ready for action: Italy's new PM, Mario Monti, pictured in Rome yesterday, will implement "sacrifices" to balance the country's budget.

Arrivederci: Italy's politicos shut out

New PM creates a crisis team of bankers, diplomats and business experts Monti, Berlusconi shake on it

Prime Minister Mario Monti yesterday formed a new Italian government — with an Italian twist.

His cabinet has not one single politician.

Monti has created a team of bankers, diplomats and business executives to steer Italy away from financial disaster.

"I hope that, governing well, we can make a contribution to the calming and cohesion of the political forces," Monti said.

The 68-year-old former European Union commissioner said he'll serve as Italy's economy minister as well as its prime minister as he seeks "sacrifices" from across the political spectrum to solve the Italian economy's woes.

Monti and his new cabinet ministers were sworn in at the presidential palace. The ceremony formally ended Silvio Berlusconi's three-year-old government and the media mogul's 17-year-long political dominance.

Berlusconi and Monti shook hands in an unofficial handover of power.

Why does Monti's cabinet have no one from the ranks of Italy's fractious political parties?

Monti said he decided after talks with party leaders "that the non-presence of politicians in the government would help it."

Analysts gave Monti's selections top marks. "I think the quality of the people is very high," said Roberto D'Alimonte, a political science professor at Rome's LUISS University.

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Bonds bombing

- Hopes for the new administration won Italy some respite in financial markets yesterday, but the relief didn't last long.
- By afternoon, the yield or interest rate on 10-year Italian bonds was back dangerously near 7 per cent — the threshold that eventually forced Greece, Ireland and Portugal to seek bailouts.

Greek vote paves the way for pain

Greece's new coalition government easily won a confidence vote in parliament yesterday.

It enables Prime Minister Lucas Papademos to speed up long-term reforms and secure a massive new bailout deal involving banks and rescue creditors.

Greece is at the heart of a vicious debt crisis that has brought it to the brink of bankruptcy.

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Papademos must oversee the suspension of about 30,000 civil servants on partial pay.

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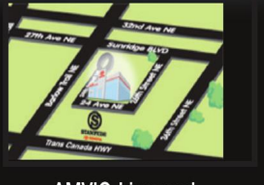

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Storm. Damage

▶ Chad Scott inspects damage to his cousin's home in Auburn, Ala., yesterday. A path of storms swept across the state, leaving behind fallen trees and some heavy wind damage.

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Southeast U.S. takes a battering

One person has been killed in a storm system that produced several possible tornadoes throughout the southeast. The person was killed in north Georgia when a tree fell on a sport utility vehicle. The storms have damaged dozens of homes and buildings in at least three states. At least 16 people have been hurt.

Driver abandons bus, rider claims

Ottawa's OC Transpo: Recent incidents are anomalies

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Ottawa's OC Transpo is investigating the latest in a series of incidents involving a driver — in this case, a driver allegedly abandoning his bus after a confrontation with a passenger.

A driver of the No. 5 bus left it running, with passengers aboard, on the MacKenzie King Bridge after a passenger Henry McCambridge repeatedly asked why the bus was often late, according to McCambridge. The passengers left when they realized the driver wasn't coming back and a supervisor arrived shortly.

The incident occurred on the same day another driver was fired for swearing at, and threatening, an autistic college student.

General manager of OC Transpo Alain Mercier said the recent incidents are anomalies that don't reflect the behaviour of most employees.

"We're all just, right now, dealing with perceptions caused by these incidents, which are very unfortunate, and we obviously feel very bad about them for customers, but we will manage them," said Mercier.

Mercier said that drivers are never told to leave their bus without warning and know they are supposed to call the control centre if there is a conflict and follow the instructions they receive. "We never abandon the bus," he said.

Proof of citizenship sought at Perry's campaign event

People attending a Rick Perry presidential campaign event yesterday were asked to prove they are American citizens.

The town-hall-style meeting at Granite State Manufacturing, the first of two events Perry was holding in New Hampshire, was open to the public.

But campaign officials said federal regulations required proof of citizenship because the company handles defence contracts. A Granite State employee sat beside a Perry campaign staffer at the door and asked attendees whether they were citizens.

The employee said non-citizens wouldn't be admitted.

While Perry's rivals have faced similar restrictions when they held events on the premises of federal defence contractors, the issue yesterday brought unwanted attention to Perry's complicated immigration record. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Hardball tactics on crime bill

Harper ally accuses Quebec of being 'soft' on lawbreakers

The war of words between Ottawa and Quebec over federal tough-on-crime legislation is heating up.

Sen. Pierre-Hugues Boisvenu, one of the Harper government's official spokespersons on its massive, omnibus crime bill, has accused Quebec of being "soft on crime."

He dismissed amendments proposed by Quebec Justice Minister Jean-Marc Fournier to soften penalties for young offenders.

"I think Quebec is soft on crime," Boisvenu said.

"We have this tendency in Quebec. I hear this debate just about everywhere. As soon as we want to question the system, it's very difficult to do it."

But the Liberals signalled they will champion Quebec's concerns, adopting Fournier's proposed amendments as their own.

"We do so because we think it's extremely important that the federal government listen to the experience of the government of Quebec in the area, particularly of the treatment of juvenile offenders," said the interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae.

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On fast track

- The omnibus crime legislation includes a new act to deal with violent young offenders, as well as restricted house arrest for violent and serious crimes.
- Bill C-10 is being fast-tracked through Parliament by the Conservative government.

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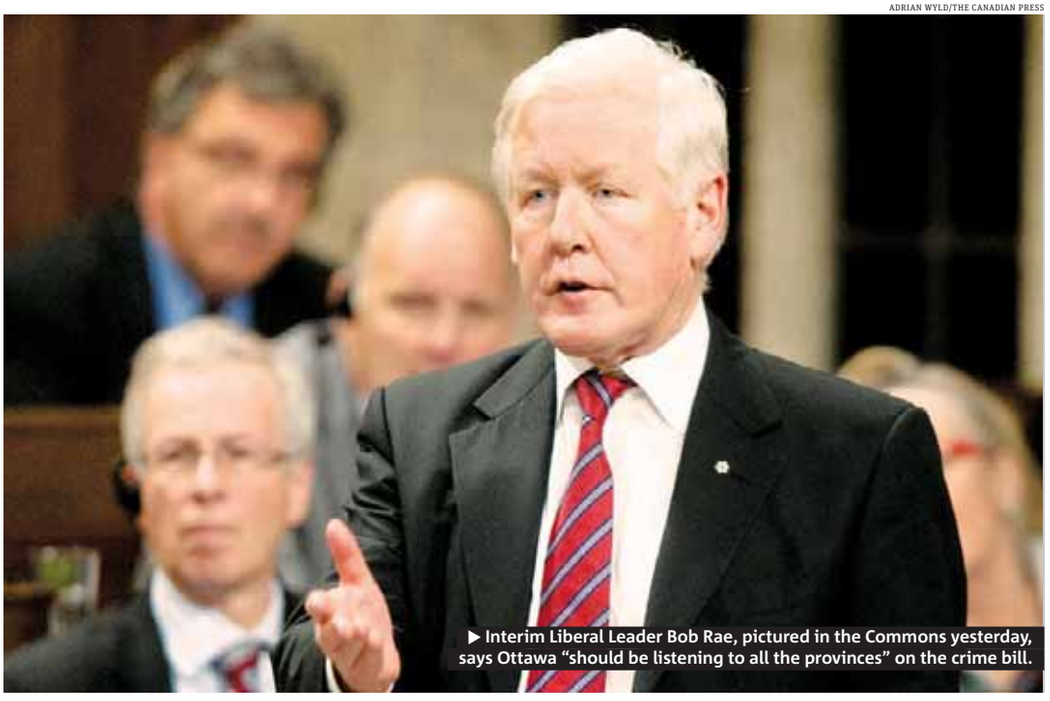

▶ Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae, pictured in the Commons yesterday, says Ottawa "should be listening to all the provinces" on the crime bill.

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Alleged shooter on mission from God?

A man with an apparent obsession with President Barack Obama was arrested in Pennsylvania yesterday after the U.S. Secret Service — the presidential bodyguards — discovered two bullets had struck the White House.

One bullet smashed into a window of the living quarters Friday night but was stopped by ballistic glass.

Obama and his wife, Michelle, were on a trip to California and Hawaii at the time.

Arrested is Oscar Ramiro Ortega-Hernandez, 21, from Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Authorities say there are indications he believed his attack on the White House was part of a personal mission from God.

There also are indications the man had become obsessed with Obama and the White House, said two officials.

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In brief

18 kids killed in bus crash

TRAGEDY. An overloaded school minibus crashed head-on with a truck in rural western China yesterday, killing at least 18 kindergarten children on their way to class, officials said.

Sixty-two children and two adults were crowded into the bus, which had just nine seats, officials said.

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Now ball's in pupils' court

DANGEROUS? Kids at an east-end Toronto school are being told to leave their soccer balls — and other hard balls — at home.

The principal of Earl Beatty Public School banned the balls this week after a parent suffered a concussion from being hit in the head with a soccer ball.

Students can bring sponge or other soft balls to play with, said a letter sent home.

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Women more prone to 'broken heart syndrome': Study

Hormones may play a role **1% of cases prove fatal**

Females are seven to nine times more likely to suffer "broken heart syndrome," when sudden or prolonged stress like an emotional breakup or death causes overwhelming heart failure or heart-attack-like symptoms, the first U.S.-wide study of this finds. Usually patients recover with no lasting damage.

The classic case is "a woman who has just lost her husband," said Dr. Mariell Jessup, a University of Pennsylvania heart-failure specialist who has treated many such cases.

6,229 Using a federal database with about 1,000 hospitals, Deshmukh found 6,229 cases of "broken heart syndrome" in 2007.

Tests show dramatic changes in rhythm and blood substances typical of a heart attack, but no artery blockages that typically cause one.

Dr. Abhishek Deshmukh of the University of Arkansas had treated some of these cases. "I was very curious why only women were having this," he said, so he did the first large study of the problem and reported results yesterday at an American Heart Association conference in Florida.

No one knows why women are more likely to suffer from the condition, said Dr. Abhiram Prasad, a Mayo Clinic cardiologist who presented other research on this syndrome at the conference.

"It's the only cardiac condition where there's such a female preponderance," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tibetan. Protest

▶ An exiled Tibetan shouts slogans against the Chinese government yesterday during a march in New Delhi.

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Exiled Tibetans march in India

Yesterday's demonstration in New Delhi aimed to raise awareness of recent acts of self-immolation by some Tibetans, and protest crackdown on monasteries.

Veterans challenge clawbacks to federal disability benefit

Lawyers for Canadian veterans were in federal court yesterday in Halifax arguing that disability benefits for hundreds of former members are being unfairly cut back.

The veterans, who have launched a class-action suit, say their long-term disability benefits are being reduced by the amount of their disability pensions.

The veterans say the government is clawing back their disability because it has incorrectly deemed it income. The hearing is looking at whether the government has the legal right to pare back the disability benefit and if it is miscalculating the benefit.

More than a dozen veterans filled the courtroom on the first day of the two-day hearing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Whodunit? Air strike a mystery

U.S., France both deny attack on terrorist 'summit'

When thundering explosions rattled a small Somali town during a meeting of Islamist insurgent leaders, it sent them scurrying for safety.

An international military force appears to have launched the powerful, well-timed attack, but no one will admit it.

The two top possibilities — the U.S. and French militaries — both deny responsibility.

Officials from the two countries even suggested it might be the other.

Sunday night's explosion in Afgoye, a heavily populated corridor along a main road leading out of the Somali capital, came as Somalia's al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab militia is fighting to defend itself on two fronts.

Missile motives

Both the U.S. and France have motives for launching a missile.

- The U.S. lists al-Shabab as a terrorist organization and is alarmed by its recruitment of young Americans.
- Last month Somali gunmen abducted an elderly French woman from her home in Kenya. She died. Another French hostage, a military official, has been held for more than two years.

African Union soldiers have taken over the capital, Mogadishu, and Kenyan soldiers crossed the border into southern Somalia last month.

But neither Kenya nor the AU force — known as AMISOM — was likely to have launched the attack, said Lauren Gelfand, the Africa and Middle East editor of Jane's Defence Weekly.

"To have that kind of strike capability is completely beyond AMISOM. They have no air support," said Gelfand.

"The Kenyan F5s (jets) do have the capability, but whether they have the precision is unlikely."

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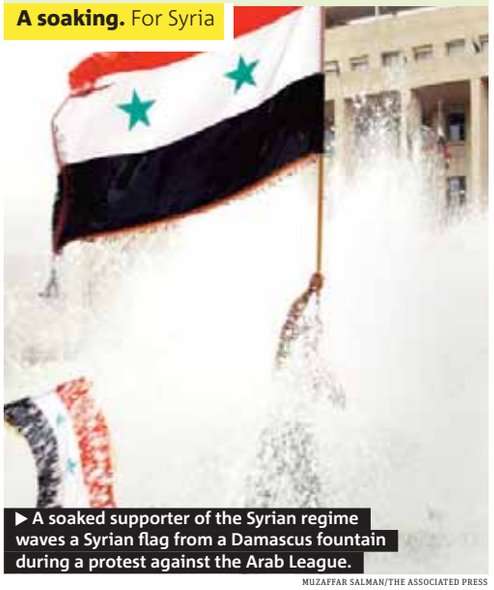
A soaking. For Syria



▶ A soaked supporter of the Syrian regime waves a Syrian flag from a Damascus fountain during a protest against the Arab League.

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Syria faces Arab deadline

Foreign ministers from the 22-member Arab League have confirmed Syria's suspension from the organization because of its bloody suspension of anti-government protests. Meeting in Morocco, they also gave the Syrian government three days to respond to an Arab peace plan.

Mobile MDs have a mission: Death

The main Dutch euthanasia advocacy group says it supports creating "mobile" euthanasia teams of doctors for terminally ill patients who want to die in their own homes, rather than in a hospital.

The Netherlands legalized euthanasia in 2001 in cases where patients are suffering unbearable pain due to illness with no hope of recovery.

Spokesperson Walburg de Jong of The Right To Die said yesterday the "mobile" idea is a logical extension of its plan — not approved by the government — to create a clinic for patients who meet the criteria for euthanasia but whose doctors are unwilling to carry it out.

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Productivity gap carries heavy cost

Companies' failure to invest in new machinery, technology hits Canadians in the wallet: Study

Canadians would have about $7,500 more a year in disposable income if companies had been able to keep up with their U.S. rivals in productivity over the past decade, the Conference Board of Canada reports.

Based on the premise that Canada's productivity has lagged the U.S. by 0.8 percentage points a year from 1998 to 2008, the Conference Board study suggests:

- Real per capita gross domestic product had fallen $8,500 further back in 2008 than where it would have been had the gap not existed.
- As well, corporate profits would have risen by about 40 per cent and government revenues by 31 per cent.

But the most revealing finding is that Canadians would on average be much wealthier, allowing them to spend more and boost the economic performance of the country.

Economist Mario Lefebvre, who wrote the report, said he tried to personalize what is at stake because he finds few people understand how productivity — which measures output in terms of hours worked — affects them.

The report puts the blame for the gap on the corporate sector, noting Canadian firms have not kept up with their U.S. counterparts in adopting the latest technologies that boost the ability of their workers to produce more. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
- 54.91 (12,174.36)	- 0.20¢ (97.76¢ US)
Oil	**Natural gas 1,000 cu ft**
+ $3.22 US ($102.59 US)	$3.344 (- 6¢)
	Gold contracts
	$1,774.30 (- $7.90)

Never. Say die

▶ TransCanada Corp. is still dedicated to moving the Keystone XL pipeline forward despite a recent delay, its chief executive says. Russ Girling says TransCanada is confident U.S. regulators will approve the Alberta-to-Texas line once a new route is worked out to avoid ecologically sensitive parts of Nebraska.

JEFF MCINTOSH /THE CANADIAN PRESS

Keystone delayed, not dead, CEO says

Facebook fends off latest spam attack

Facebook has stopped most of the spam that has flooded many users' pages with pictures showing graphic sex and violence, the company said yesterday.

The latest attack tricked users into pasting malicious links into the address bars in their Web browsers. This exploited a browser vulnerability that caused them inadvertently to share the graphic content with their Facebook friends. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italian crisis could affect Chrysler-Fiat merger: CEO

Economic instability in Italy could have an impact on where Chrysler builds its HQ when the automaker combines with Fiat in the coming years, its chief executive said yesterday. But Sergio Marchionne, CEO of Chrysler Group LLC and Fiat SpA, said it won't force Fiat to move from Italy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

REVENUE GRAB

Berlin taps tourists for hotel tax

Berlin plans to levy a new tax on hotel stays, drawing on the German capital's healthy tourist trade to help improve its strained finances.

The plan is part of a deal reached yesterday for centre-left Mayor Klaus Wowereit to form a coalition with the local branch of Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservative Christian Democrats.

Wowereit's Social Democratic party says the tax could bring in about 20 million euros a year. It will be levied starting January 2013 in the form of a five per cent tax on hotel stays.

Berlin has become one of Europe's most popular tourist destinations in recent years.

Wowereit won his third mandate as mayor in September. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada needs united front on energy strategy: Redford

Ottawa and the provinces should rally together on oil, gas and other forms of Canadian-produced energy as the country looks to markets beyond the United States, Premier Alison Redford says.

In a speech to the Economic Club of Canada in Toronto, Redford said yesterday that the developing world is hungry for Canadian energy and if Canada is to be a global energy leader it must reduce market dependence on the U.S. as its demand declines.

She said the U.S. government delay of the Keystone pipeline in the U.S. is an example of why Canada needs to look to Asia and elsewhere. Her remarks came during a flood of activity in the oil pipeline industry.

Enbridge Inc. said yesterday that it would pay $1.15 billion US for a half-stake in an existing pipeline from the Gulf Coast and reverse its flow to relieve a buildup of oil storage in Cushing, Okla.

Enbridge rival TransCanada Corp., meanwhile, said it may be possible to build the southern leg of its Alberta-to-Texas Keystone XL pipeline as early as next year in a move also designed to drain supplies from Cushing.

Redford said both developments were encouraging. She said she also wants to engage in a rational conversation with critics to work out their concerns. "If they have concerns that are not based on facts, then let's get the facts right," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Alison Redford says she wants to play a more prominent role in forming a national energy strategy.

"I think the indecision around the Keystone XL pipeline demonstrates the necessity of looking to new markets."
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TRUE TEST OF COUNTERFEIT BILLS IS IN THE SCENT

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

Welcome to the Bank of Canada's public-awareness campaign designed to help Canadians learn about the newly unveiled $100 bills and how to spot counterfeit cash. Let's begin.

It's important to note that, according to the RCMP, the number of seized counterfeit bills in Canada has dropped dramatically in the last decade. This can only mean one thing: *Counterfeiters are fooling us more than ever.*

When the number of bogus bills seized annually drops to zero, we'll know the criminals have finally won.

But you can help fight counterfeitism by paying special attention to the new bills — look at them, flip them, feel them, talk to them, come to know them.

The bills are a mix of old and new: For instance, the image of Robert Borden on the $100 is now looking right at you. But, in a nod to the old design, you'll still have no idea who Robert Borden was or what he did.

Above all, the bills have been designed with security in mind. And whether a brand-new design or an old bill, there are important warning signs that the cash you're carrying may be bogus.

"The new notes are magic-eye puzzles. If you let your eyes go out of focus, you will see, depending on the denomination, John A. Macdonald with his head resting on a toilet bowl or Pierre Elliot Trudeau giving you the finger."

Be aware:

• On Canadian currency, Canada is rarely spelled with a K.

• Canadian bills include braille. If the bill is counterfeit, braille reads, "This bill is fake. Shhh …"

• Be wary if small print says, "We swear this bill is legal tender, honest."

• There has never been a bill with Geddy Lee's image, there is no such coin as the "threenee," and the $57.50 bill is no longer in circulation.

• Only younger depictions of the Queen show her with a nose ring; on counterfeit bills, her pearls are also fake.

• The King of Kensington was never actually part of the British monarchy.

Still not sure? The new bills also allow new ways to check their legitimacy beyond simple visuals:

• Chewing on a new bill for one hour will trigger the taste of wild pomegranates.

• A new $100 will burn at 233 C. Results vary, so burn at least 10 of them, then calculate the mean temperature.

• The new notes are magic-eye puzzles. If you let your eyes go out of focus, you will see, depending on the denomination, John A. Macdonald with his head resting on a toilet bowl or Pierre Elliot Trudeau giving you the finger.

If you follow these tips and still can't decide if your bill is real, please mail it to me and I will ascertain its value in the most respected and time-honoured method available. I will spend it. You can't be too careful.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

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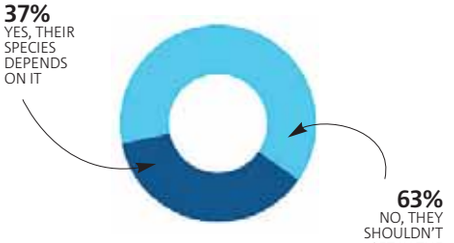
Should zoos separate same-sex animal mates in the name of species survival?



Local tweets

▶**@UCalgary Alumni:** Did you know that almost 70% of #uofc alumni are in #yyc. That's a lot of cheering power for our @UCDinos on Friday!

▶**@CameraguyRob:** Did everyone know LITE 95.9 in YYC is now Christmas music continually til the end of the holiday season? Go check it out

▶**@REAPERCJAY92:** Shanahan strikes again! A 3 game suspension was just announced for the Flame's powerplay #nhl #flames #yyc

▶**@dollhouseyyc:** I am hereby predicting one heck of a hot market in #yyc Real Estate come spring. (Europe implosion not withstanding ;-)) #yycre

▶**@suzannemf:** Downtown today #yyc bylaw told homeless man to move his stuff b/c it's a nuisance to public. Um, #occupycalgary is a nuisance, move them!

▶**@justicefilm:** Had 250 ppl out 4 R festival preview screenings 2day at MRU. Good films & gr8 conversations: looking forward 2 wknd #yyc

Letters

BILL C-10.
We do not need more hardened criminals and an outrageously expensive prison system that gives us nothing back. **ERIN ELLIS, OTTAWA**

We know that this approach will fail at achieving its stated goals — Texas gives a clear example of this. The Canadian Bar Association has taken a clear stance against it, stating that it may actually worsen the problems it is purported to fix. High costs — both monetary and social. It targets those in our country who are already most vulnerable, the poor, mentally ill and addicted. **MATT TAVES, VANCOUVER**

It just doesn't make sense to jail an 18-year-old drug dealer and then release them in five or 10 years and imagine that s/he will suddenly be a law-abiding citizen. How can they when they haven't learned how? But if those years are used to teach that person how to live without drugs, to treat their depression, how to get a job, then the chances seem much better that that person can survive without turning to crime, and not re-offend. **DR LAURA CLARK, MD, TORONTO**

photo of the day

PHOTO CHALLENGE

▶This photo titled Ferris Wheel was submitted to the Pleasure category by Artur Andronic from the U.S.

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WEIRD NEWS

Maybe she thinks she has a 50/50 chance

Lindsey Ann Miller, the pretty 26-year-old UCLA student suffering with a rare form of pancreatic cancer was so moved by the performance of Joseph Gordon-Levitt in the film 50/50 that she's made a very public YouTube plea for a coffee date with the Hollywood actor.

Gordon-Levitt, 30, best known for his role in the TV sitcom 3rd Rock From the Sun, was praised for his unique portrayal of a young man diagnosed with cancer in this fall's hit 50/50.

JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES

▶Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Miller was diagnosed a year ago with neuroendocrine pancreatic cancer, underwent surgery in December to remove tumours from her liver and continues to endure nauseating bouts of chemotherapy treatments.

Miller acknowledges the video is a long shot. But why not? She figures, "Life is short." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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BACKSTAGE PASS

JENNIFER LARAWAY
METRO CALGARY

This week we go behind the scenes of one of Calgary's best kept secrets: improv theatre.

While many on the inner circle of the arts would argue that this isn't a secret at all, the truth is I think most Calgarians don't know what they are missing, especially on Monday nights.

Housed in the Lunchbox Theatre (located at the base of the Calgary Tower), the Dirty Laundry Theatre Company puts on unforgettable improvisation entertainment that follows the same storylines as a soap opera. This unique style of theatre plays on the dichotomy of self-contained stories while building and branching out each week. But, that's about as extensive as their plans get.

"There is an understandable misconception that the company maps out a plot line for each episode of Dirty Laundry, or at least a sketch, but it is just not true. The actors simply listen and respond and can end up deeper and deeper in improv danger with every sentence. The people in the audience that night get to witness a storyline that is instantaneous, where the actors react with 100 per cent truth and that will lead to whatever else is going to happen that night. These scenes will never… and can't ever be repeated," artistic director Karen Johnson-Diamond explained.

This season, Dirty Laundry presents Season XII: Ancient Rome, which Johnson-Diamond says has been the most challenging and rewarding yet.

"It's how I recharge my batteries," she says of the show, which follows the ups and downs of a rich and scheming family in one of history's sultriest cities: Rome. "It reminds me of why I love theatre. An action followed by an immediate response. I get two hours of laughing with my friends on stage and with the audience in the theatre, because we are all hearing, seeing, and experiencing every moment together."

This is the 12th season for Dirty Laundry and Season XII: Ancient Rome runs until Dec. 19. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. on Monday night and tickets are available from dirtylaundrycalgary.com or by calling 403-701-1284.

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NICOLE ZYISTRA

▶ Dirty Laundry's Improv Season XII: Ancient Rome is sensationally scandalous.

Top Chef Canada

Model-turned-actress Lisa Ray is the new host of Top Chef Canada. The Water star is taking over hosting duties from Thea Andrews, who recently gave birth to her second child.
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Breaking bridal traditions

Many brides keep their wedding dresses a secret until the moment they walk down the aisle, but all of cyberspace isn't usually speculating about it. The exception is Bella Swan.

The much anticipated bridal gown will make its debut on Friday as The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1 is released in movie theatres.

What's known about the gown worn by Kristen Stewart's character as she married Robert Pattinson's Edward Cullen: It's designed by Carolina Herrera. It has 100 buttons down the back. It's made of lace and satin, and it aims to be simultaneously romantic and mysterious.

"Well, the inspiration became a little bit by the book," said Herrera on the red carpet at the Los Angeles premiere Monday night. "And the description of the book, and the magic and the moment that is the wedding and also about her (Bella's) personality, which is very important in a wedding gown. She is this very innocent girl that is believing in her first true love and there is romance and there is fantasy and mystery. Everything so, I took all that into consideration."

Pattinson approved, saying it was a "beautiful" dress and Stewart did it justice.

"She looked incredible," he said.

"I mean, it's a really sweet scene."
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▶ Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart

Turn-of-the-century series 'Murdoch Mysteries' to move from Citytv to CBC

Bringing 'innocence' back

Twilight mom adds human dimension to supernatural love tale

For hardcore Twilight fans, the long-awaited wedding of Bella Swan to her vampire love Edward Cullen is the culmination of years of their own devotion to the blockbuster love story.

For Twilight actress Sarah Clarke, who plays Bella's little-seen mother Renée, it was a chance to celebrate the penultimate chapter of the movie series by finally meeting the rest of the sprawling superstar cast in a massive wedding scene.

"It was really fun to get to have scenes with other characters and to feel like, 'Oh yeah, these are all the ones that we've been reading about,'" Clarke chuckles during a recent interview in Toronto in advance of a red carpet premiere Thursday.

For much of the franchise, Clarke's character has been relegated to the background while the teenaged Bella wrestled with competing feelings for her undead suitor Edward, and best friend-turned werewolf, Jacob.

Part 1 and 2

Stephenie Meyer's novel Breaking Dawn was split into two films. Part 1 delves into Bella and Edward's evolving relationship in more detail and offers a glimpse into the interior life of certain characters, says actress Sarah Clarke. Breaking Dawn - Part 2 is slated for release in November 2012.

The 39-year-old Clarke says the mother-daughter scenes in The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 add a bit more dimension to the romantic fantasy.

"It is nice to mix it up in the movie, to be able to see the human side of the story and then the supernatural side of the story," says Clarke, also known for playing Nina Myers on 24.

"We have a few scenes where we basically just discuss the idea of marriage and what that means and I am sort of sending her off into her life with Edward."

The fourth instalment in the passionate teen romance — which catapulted stars Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner to fame when it began in 2008 — continues Friday with Edward and Bella marrying and conceiving a child.

Their long-awaited union follows a protracted and sexually charged courtship that pervaded the Twilight saga book series that inspired the films and helped vault Stephenie Meyer's young adult novels to the top of tween book lists.

Clarke admits to having some qualms about the erotic but largely chaste tale, but admits she understands its massive appeal and would have been obsessed with the books herself as a teenager.

"It's brought an innocence in some ways back to love in that there's a reason why you can't consummate it and you can't be together right away," says Clarke, the mother of daughters aged five and one.

"But I don't know, there are a lot of things about the relationship that I don't find ideal.

"As a mother I would want to talk through a lot of things."

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▶ Sarah Clarke plays Bella's mother Renée in the Twilight movies.

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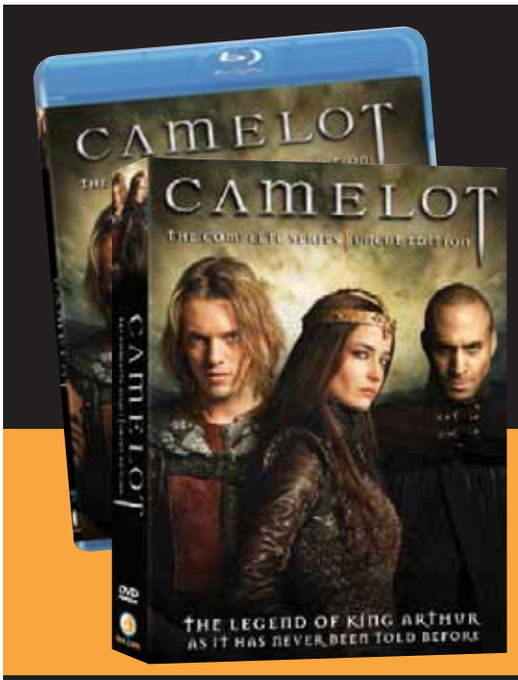

Pet Project

Two girls' puppy love spawned the cutest global phenomenon Metro talks to one of the girls behind the web's fluffiest site Get ready to go gaga

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"I thought it'd be a great way to meet guys," says Audrey Khuner, one half of the duo behind the website hotguysandbabyanimals.com.

The site, predominantly aimed at women, gay men and swooning college girls, was conceived when a joke between Audrey and her co-founder Carolyn Newman was turned into a business reality.

"We've always been into animals and a bit boy crazy.

"And there's always been beefcake and baby animal calendars, so we thought why not combine the two?" muses Khuner in an interview.

The result: You can't take your eyes off those dewy-eyed cuties.

Yep, I'm talking about both the guys and the critters.

But behind the eye candy calendars, greeting cards and a host of other merchandise, there is a relatively viable entrepreneurial business (although Khuner admits that she has other jobs).

"The shoots are so much fun. I posted a picture of me next to this really well cut guy holding a puppy on the site — and my friends hate me for it but it's just another day on the job — and I love it," she gushes.

That said, since the site's inception in 2009, the Berkeley, Calif.-based duo have donated between five and 10 per cent of their profits to animal charities such as the SPCA in San Francisco. And much to the joy of Khuner's photographer father Eliot, they are now able to pay him after two years where he was working for free.

They also have the backer of a publisher, a global appeal with orders arriving from Brazil to the Netherlands and talk of iPhone skins, desktop wallpapers and maybe even an app.

But sadly guys, there are no plans for a hot women and cute animals calendar — unfortunately for us.

But for now, you'll just have to satisfy your eyes with the 2012 calendar and a 40-page hardback gift book complete with quirky captions.

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Shocking submissions

The weirdest submissions to the tumblr site: hotguysandbabyanimals.tumblr.com as told by Audrey Khuner.

- "There's a picture of a guy throwing a cat toward the camera." Let's just hope that cat hasn't used up its nine lives.
- "One guy has photoshopped a monkey and a frog onto his chest." Talk about wild body art.

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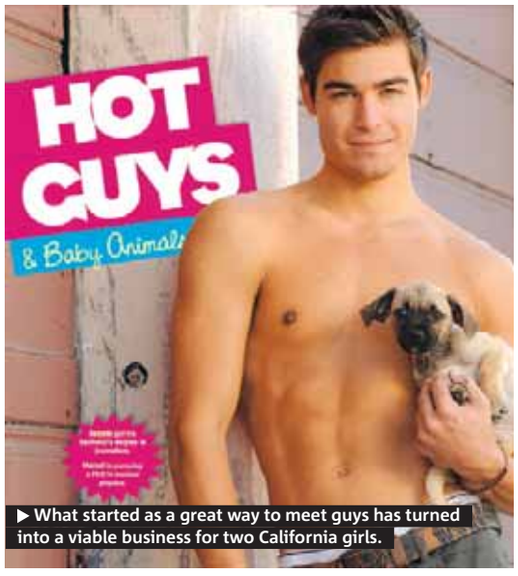

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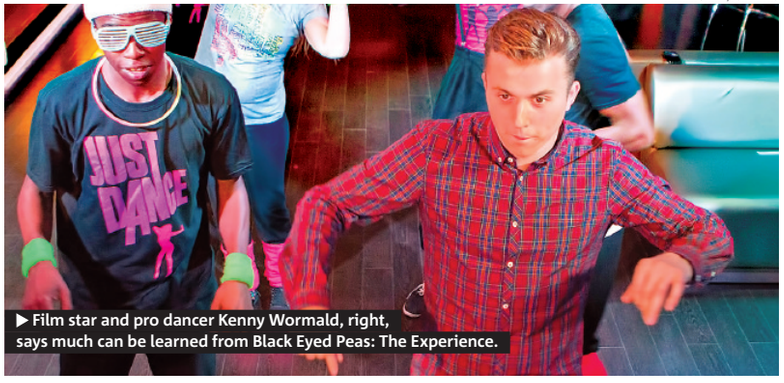

▶ Film star and pro dancer Kenny Wormald, right, says much can be learned from Black Eyed Peas: The Experience.

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The Black Eyed Peas are getting animated and following in Michael Jackson's moon walking, hip-shaking steps with the release of their own video game, Black Eyed Peas: The Experience.

Unlike its predecessor, Michael Jackson: The Experience, the Black Eyed Peas game, currently for Nintendo Wii and Xbox 360, actually sees gamers battling and dancing alongside the group instead of playing them. Black Eyed Peas: The Experience is even catching the attention of Kenny Wormald, the star of the hit film Footloose, who was at a recent launch for the game. The 27-year-old has been performing on stage for 20 years and admits that even a pro like him learned a few new tricks from Black Eyed Peas: The Experience.

"It's more than just a game, but a choreographed dance-off against one of the world's best groups," he says. "(Even) as a professional dancer it's really good because it makes you very meticulous and can teach you."

On average, it takes between 18 months to two years from inception to completion of a dance video game of this kind. For game developer Ubisoft, the uniqueness of the game comes from incorporating the band's style, brand and creativity into every detail.

"Everything had to be approved by the Black Eyed Peas. The songs that we chose, how the dancers are dancing, what type of clothing they are wearing," says Jeyson Acevedo, public relations manager at Ubisoft Canada. As a result, everything from the Black Eye Peas' futuristic outfits to will.i.am's famous asymmetrical coif appears.

To transform the Black Eyed Peas into digital avatars popping and locking on screen, Ubisoft spent days scanning the group members' bodies. Wearing outfits fitted with censors, the group had every move and expression recorded and translated into the dance-motion game.

"Technology is letting us do more than just loan fans a song," says Acevedo. "It lets them actually dance alongside The Black Eyed Peas."

Black Eyed Peas: The Experience is in stores now and will be available for PlayStation in December.

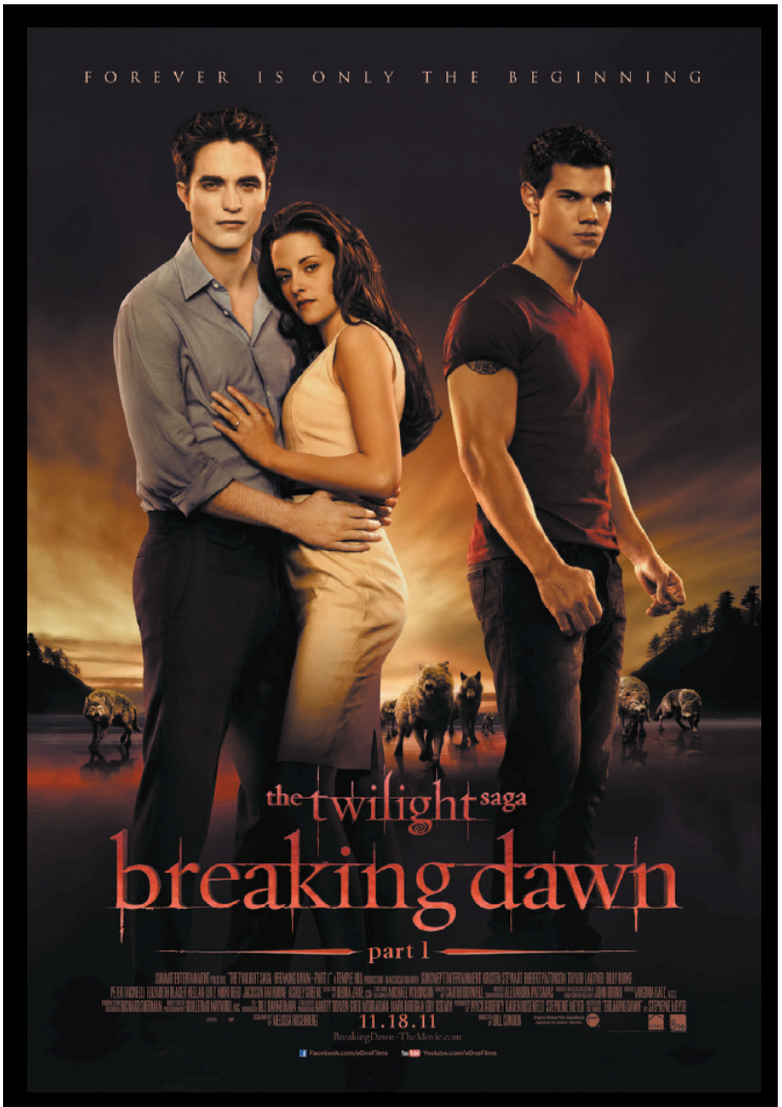
The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

The Black Eyed Peas aren't the first celebrities to make an appearance as themselves in a video game. For better or worse, stars have been leaping to the small screen to play digital versions of themselves for decades. Here are some of the gaming world's most memorable.

Michael Jackson: The Experience (2011)
The first video game in the Experience franchise has the King of Pop (as an avatar) help players learn and perform some of his famous moves to hits like Billie Jean and The Girl is Mine.

Shaquille O'Neal: Shaq Fu (1994)
The now-retired basketball player traded in his sneakers for swords in this kung-fu video game. In the poorly-reviewed game, Shaq fights off evil-doers after falling into a parallel universe.

The Beatles: Rock Band (2009)
One of several famous Rock Band games released in recent years, players perform as one of their favourite members of the group. Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr make appearances in the game as players try to master classic hits and climb the charts. TAKARA SMALL



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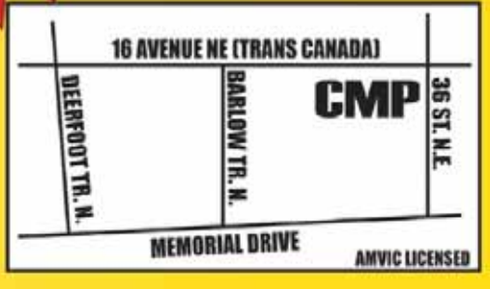

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Von Teese talks corsets, cocktails

Burlesque star unveils portable cocktail kit

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Striptease star and corset collector Dita Von Teese visited New York on Tuesday night to unveil Cointreau Travel Essentials, her portable cocktail kit for women on the go. Swizzle-stick thin and flanked by New York downtown comedy king Murray Hill, she talked to Metro about why the new burlesque attracts so many female fans.

"I think it's because they like to see an alternative kind of beauty. I'm not tan, I'm not blonde, I don't look right in a bikini."

When we protested, she explained, "Running on the beach in a bikini isn't really my thing. I'm never going to be on the cover of the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue, let's put it that way."

With so many women embracing burlesque, does she see the corset making a comeback?

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▶ Dita Von Teese

"I think what's great is we have the option. We can wear whatever we want, and we can be whoever we want, and if we want to wear a corset, we can wear it our way."

New to burlesque? Dita suggests catching a Miss Dirty Martini show (missdirtymartini.com).

"She's one of my favourite performers and one of those women who show that you can be beautiful at any size."

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Who is the sexiest? Bradley Cooper

Bradley Cooper has been named People's Sexiest Man Alive. Why? Let the fawning magazine count the ways: He went to Georgetown University (preppy!); cooks; is fluent in French, but isn't prissy as the dude knows how to drive a motorcycle. And, if that's not all, he's close to his mother. "My mother is going to be so happy," he told the magazine when he first found out the news. METRO

Pitt has no expiration date

Brad Pitt wants to clarify that comment he made about retiring from acting at age 50.

"I wasn't actually putting an exact deadline on my expiration date, but I see it coming. I just have other interests and I do quite enjoy the production side," Pitt said during a press conference in South Korea.

"Me, personally I like ageing. With age comes wisdom and I have said it before and I say it again, I will take wisdom over youth any day," he added.

▶ Brad Pitt

"I think certainly, being a father has changed everything for me as far as perspective and interest, taking care of myself and wanting to be around for them." METRO

Holmes isn't a Gallagher fan

Noel Gallagher is none too pleased with Katie Holmes after the two had a run-in backstage at David Letterman's talk show. The problem? Holmes apparently objected to appearing in video footage being shot of the former Oasis guitarist, Gallagher says on his blog. "We literally bumped into that top Scientologist Katie Holmes on the way into the studio. We came out of the lift and BANG, there she was," Gallagher writes. "Now at this point my mate, and friend of the stars, Scully was doing a bit of filming for my Web site and managed to capture the moment ... . [Holmes]

▶ Noel Gallagher

looked a bit miffed at the various North-West accents and some vigorous handshaking ... ." METRO

Celebrity tweets

"Look, I don't know what Liza does before playing Carnegie Hall, but I'm watching marathon of "Pitbulls & Parolees" Weird??"

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"OMG so many cute guys at the Latin Grammys!"

@AlbertBrooks

"60 is the new 40. Dollars, not age."

@SethMacFarlane

"Still have not had one sweet dream made of anything involving Annie Lennox."

Bieber's alleged baby momma drops her case

It looks like Justin Bieber is in the clear, as Mariah Yeater has reportedly dropped her paternity case against him, according to Hollyscoop.

The 20-year-old San Diego woman had accused 17-year-old Bieber of fathering her four-month-old son.

The pop star had reportedly planned to take a paternity test upon returning to the U.S. and then file suit against Yeater. The case was reportedly dismissed quietly last week, and Yeater's attorneys are no longer representing her.

▶ Justin Bieber

Representatives for Bieber say that he is still planning on taking a paternity test.

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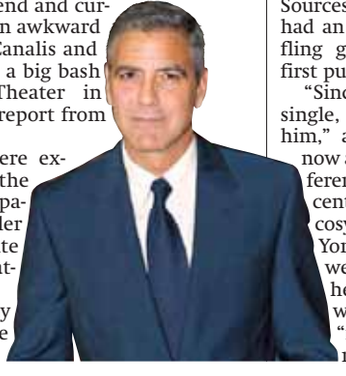
Clooney's flames refuse to mix

George Clooney's ex-girlfriend and current girlfriend nearly had an awkward run-in, as both Elisabetta Canalis and Stacy Keibler showed up at a big bash at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood, according to a report from Us Weekly.

And while no words were exchanged between the two, the tension was reportedly palpable, as Canalis and Keibler "were always on opposite sides of the room," a party attendee says.

"They were basically avoiding each other the whole night." METRO



Diddy, Diaz get cosy in N.Y., L.A.

With Alex Rodriguez apparently out of the picture, Cameron Diaz seems to be rekindling her romance with Sean "Diddy" Combs, according to Us Weekly. Sources say the pair have had an on-again, off-again fling going since Combs first pursued Diaz in 2008.

"Since then, when she's single, she'll booty call him," a source says. And now apparently is no different. The pair were recently spotted getting cosy at a dinner in New York, and then this week they turned heads in Los Angeles, where they were "making out, acting romantic" during a lunch in Beverly Hills. Reps for both say the stars are "just friends" and have been meeting to discuss a project. METRO

▶ Cameron Diaz

Miracle creams:

Multi-talented or misleading?

It's no longer enough for makeup to perform one function Now it's more common for a foundation or concealer to do its job plus two or three more But are beauty brands luring in women with promises that a single product can't possibly deliver?

▶ The best of the bunch: Popular multi-taskers Lancôme Teint Rénergie Lift R.A.R.E., above, by Terry Hyaluronic; Face Glow, right; and Clinique Pore Refining Solutions Instant Perfector, far right.

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Makeup is a complicated affair. You have a zit that needs covering, but the concealer only makes the breakout worse. Or your pores are the size of golf balls, but the finely milled powder you splurged on just makes them look twice as big.

For the past year, science has been increasingly blurring the lines between makeup and skin care with products that address aging, sun protection, acne breakouts and redness, all in one shot. You know the products: a foundation that simultaneously covers flaws, evens skin tone and reduces signs of wrinkles, for example, or a concealer that blocks the sun, controls oil and clears up acne. But is the kill-three-skin-flaws-with-one-cream approach the best solution, or are single-use products still the best way to go?

"I'm a busy woman. There are going to be days when I can't put on everything..."
DR. DORIS DAY, DERMATOLOGIST

Mary Schook, a makeup artist and skin-care guru, is on the fence.

"I think it's kind of like those all-in-one shampoo-conditioners. You can use them, but you still get the best results by using a separate shampoo and separate conditioner," she says.

"A lot of these products that claim to block the sun's rays are not protecting the way they should. You're not getting a sunblock in a foundation unless it has both zinc and titanium dioxide. It has to be a chemical compound that blocks the sun's rays and it's hard to find that in a liquid foundation," she says.

Dermatologist Dr. Doris Day, meanwhile, thinks that multi-tasking products can work well as a supplement to a healthy skin-care regimen, but don't necessarily warrant throwing out your arsenal of face creams.

"I like multi-tasking products. Think of these makeup items as your bonus, not your main meal. I'm a busy woman. I have a husband, two kids and three jobs. There are going to be days when I can't put on everything all the time," she admits.

Celebrity makeup artist Talia Shobrook agrees that some makeup items that do triple-duty can be worth the investment.

"The foundations and powders that include acne-fighting ingredients, for instance, are great because that is a specific problem that can be treated quickly," she says.

"But I don't necessarily think that an anti-aging foundation is going to work very well. Anti-aging is not a quick fix. Those products are dipping into skin care, when it should just be separate altogether. Plus the anti-aging ingredients seem to make the makeup feel heavier on the skin," she says.

Ultimately, the real task is knowing what to look for.

"It's about finding the right ingredients," Schook says. Day adds, "You want to make sure the products don't combine ingredients that cancel each other out."

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Style pick

Meet Amie

Italy-based designer Chrissie Morris is known for her towering, show-stopping Art Deco heels, but her foray into flats, Amie, a pieced together beauty made of leopard print ponyhair and sting ray, makes a strong case for staying closer to the ground. KENYA HUNT

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Getting in with the Mods

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Style pick

Turtle power

Beatlemania may be long dead and gone but the iconic turtleneck is having a third (or fourth?) wind. This cosy knit has been worn by everyone from Gauloises-smoking Warholian types to sharp-dressing Mods. The reason: it's chic and just a tad bit pretentious without the fuss. MWN

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Meet a true Blue belle

THE KIT

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Rookie Blue actress Enuka Okuma played The Kit's model for a day.

"Brow shape can change the shape of your whole face," says our new favourite actress Enuka Okuma, who has been working in film and television since she was a teen.

"I have a small face — if you put the arch too far out, it ends up looking like a little triangle. If you put the arch more in the middle, it balances out."

Okuma loves makeup, but her on-camera look is usually ultra-natural, to go with the authority of the uniform she wears as young officer Traci Nash in cop drama Rookie Blue. "But what's great is that we do have scenes at the bar, when our characters are socializing. That's when we're all, 'more mascara, please!'"

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Tips to tame your face-tiger

While barbers will praise their in-store products, contest-entering whisker warriors are less beholden to big fuzz-care interests We enlisted two of the best bearders in the business to give it to us straight on all things facial hair

Competitive bearder John Myatt, 24, is the reigning American champ in the groomed beard category. He came in second place at the World Beard Championship in Norway this past May.

What's a good solution for dealing with an itchy beard?

Growing it out. Ever since I grew out my beard it stopped itching. It's shaving that makes it itch.

What's a good way to soften your beard so your girlfriend doesn't complain about it being bristly?

I condition it every day and I also use a leave-in conditioner to keep it moist. A lot of other people use Moroccan oil.

Is the same shampoo you use on your head appropriate for your beard?

Yah I use Head & Shoulders because it keeps the dandruff out of my beard and head.

What beard product do you carry on you at all times?

I don't but a lot of my moustache friends keep a tin of Bounder wax and when I have my moustache waxed I keep a tin on me as well.

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How's that five o'clock shadow shaping up?

Darrell Crawford, 58, of Bowmanville, Ont., is a competitive bearder and the captain of Beard Team Canada.

How often do you recommend grooming your facial hair to keep it in tip-top shape?

Tip-top shape isn't really me. I probably groom in the morning, sometime during the day and in the evening, so two to three times a day.

Do you have dryness problems with your skin under your beard in the winter?

No, my face is pretty comfortable in the winter and summer. People often ask me if it's hot but it isn't. Even in the summertime it's like a fibreglass insulator that buffers the heat of the sun, and in the winter it's warmer and I used to always have a scarf but now I can use my beard as a scarf.

What beard product do you carry on you at all times?

I carry two brushes. One is a boar's hair brush, which is pretty good for not pulling out hairs. I like to smooth it over with that and then I have one with stiffer plastic bristles. If there are any knots or anything I get those out first with the more sensitive brush. MIKE DOJC

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Decorative pillows 101

Perfect for cushioning life's cold and difficult days, pillows are more than just pretty pieces of fabric

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▶ Brightly coloured cushions can light up a drab room.

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Adding some new decorative pillows to the living or bedroom is an easy way to add colour, personality and comfort to your space.

Available in all price points and decor styles, a few new cushy friends are always a welcome change to a tired decor scheme.

Treat yourself this winter to a few of these comforting gems.

CRATE AND BARREL.

▶ Textured pillows dress up a sofa and offer ultimate comfort.

Sizes: The 18-inch square pillow is the standard choice for chairs or sofas; the 20- to 24-inch is great for beds; and the 12-x-18 (often referred to as the lumbar pillow) is a great friend to support your lower back when sitting on a tall, tight-back style seat.

Larger 24-inch square pillows are great supporters for sitting up in bed or for throwing on the floor as extra casual sitting.

Styles: Draw on colours and style inspiration from art, area rugs and other accessories in a room.

If mixing patterns, try to have curvy lined patterns like floral, paisley or circles mixed with straight lines like stripes, plaids and geometrics.

The difference in patterns creates a juxtaposition that will allow each pattern to stand out in the room.

If there is no colour or pattern in your room then choose lighter and darker versions of your monochromatic colour scheme for impact.

You can also go with textured fabrics to create subtle interest.

Knitted textures are very popular for winter, while heavy linen weaves are great for spring/summer.

PIER 1

▶ Warning: Pillow fights may no longer be confined to the bedroom.

Fills: Decorative pillows can look beautiful but if filled with the wrong insert, can be useless for comfort.

Foam and feather are the two basic fills for most cushions. Foam filled cushions tend to offer more support and keep their shape for some time.

Eventually, the foam will break down and the pillow will lose its shape.

Feather- and down-filled cushions are considered the most luxurious.

They squish down and mould to the body for subtle comfort and spring back nice and full when left alone.

Not great for support but look oh-so luxurious.

VINEGAR ISN'T JUST FOR FRENCH FRIES

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Dear Charles the Butler,
I read your article regarding cleaning the dishwasher.
How much white vinegar should I put into the empty dishwasher?
Thanks, Yee
Hello Yee,

We received many emails like yours and I realized that, in error, I forgot to mention how much vinegar to use.

So firstly I apologise to all of my readers for my omission. Secondly, the answer!

All you need is to add about one cup of pure white distilled vinegar (five per cent acidic value) to the dishwasher.

This is simple and good for disinfecting germs and bacteria as well as reducing mineral and calcium build-up within the unit.

Is club soda really the secret stain remover everyone says?

Well the answer is yes and no! Now, how can I answer a question like that?

Club soda is great to flush out a fresh stain like red wine, however this is where the problem lies.

Club soda contains sugar, so if you are going to use it at the time of a spill, it is imperative that you also follow with a flush of cool water afterward to remove any sugar residue.

If you don't, the sugar from the club soda will remain in the fibres and create a different longer-term stain.

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▶ Vinegar is a great way to clean the dishwasher.

The ultimate Ikea challenge

The mass-market chain is turning our homes into generic showrooms So, to get you thinking outside the Ikea flatpack box, we enlisted the founder of the popular blog Ikea Hackers to personalize all that particle board

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On hearing the name Ikea Hacker you're probably imagining some anti-establishment, covert cell tasked with bringing down the world's favourite Swedish homewares brand. Well perhaps not.

But I'm sure you, like me, have used some pretty extreme language to describe the store's infuriatingly cryptic instructions.

This, however, is not a sentiment shared by Mei Mei Yap, the founder of the popular site, Ikea Hackers, who goes by the pseudonym Jules.

"I think that they are one of the most fantastic pieces of communication. Not a word, just diagrams that people the world over follow," she says.

Or perhaps not, eh chaps? The 42-year-old's website is the perfect retreat for those D.I.Yers who want to ditch the Ikea rules and break away from a homogenized, Swedish-style, showroom home. And no, you don't have to be a D.I.Y whiz to Ikea hack, (or should that be H.I.Y?) but you will need to follow Jules' simple steps below.

BRUNO SCHULZ AND BAD KREUZNACH FROM GERMANY

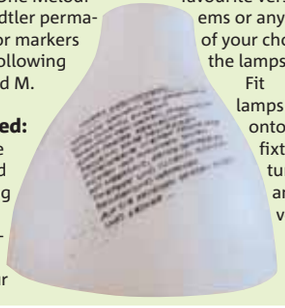
1
Redesign the Melodi lamp

You'll need: One Melodi lamp and Staedtler permanent Lumocolor markers in one of the following sizes: S, F, B and M.

Getting started:
Wipe clean the lampshade and allow for drying time.

Use the permanent marker to write your favourite verses, poems or anything of your choice on the lampshade.

Fit lampshade onto light fixture, turn on and voilà.



JOANNA FROM POLAND

2
Trick out that Dombas wardrobe

You'll need:
A Dombas wardrobe, fabric, cotton ribbon and glue

Getting started:
Remove doors (or do not install doors). Cut fabric of your choice to size with enough to cover the sides of the doors. Cover the sides of the doors in glue.

Stick and tautly stretch the fabric across.

Allow drying time.

Trim any excess material.

Cover the sides with a matching ribbon for a tidy finish

TYPONERD FROM GERMANY

3
Re-work those Expedits

You'll need:
Two 2x2 Expedits, one Vika Amon tabletop, 4 Vika Curry table legs (only need top part), 4 Besta legs, draws and screws.

Getting started:
Assemble the Expedits. Screw them together with brackets. Screw the Vika Amon Curry legs to the tabletop (they come in two parts but only used the top). Drill screw-sized holes into the bottom of the Expedit. Buy drawers from Schwedenpunk to add colour.

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Your living room on a budget

Is your living room looking a little dead these days?
Breathe some fresh life into it with these DIY ideas

DIY IDEAS

If you're ready to turn your living room from drab to fab but are worrying over the cost, use these tips to keep the budget low and the standards high from DIY Network Canada's Sweat Equity.

In every episode, host Amy Matthews increases the values of homes by choosing home improvement projects that give more bang for your buck.

Furniture
Shop at close-out or thrift stores if you are buying new furniture.

These locations take some patience, and more than one visit, but a good deal is easier to find.

Alternately, you can give your old furniture new life.

Wooden chairs can be re-stained or painted, and upholstery is an eye-catching and easy way to make an old piece new again.

Flooring
Flooring easily adds to a budget, but there are ways to avoid area carpeting or hardwood flooring without sacrificing style.

Consider staining concrete floors in the basement or using carpet tiles to create a custom rug area.

Colours
Colour is the easiest way to get a dramatic change with minimal work and budget.

Keep the colour palette crisp and clean so it's always in style and won't require frequent updating.

For a smaller budget, paint only one feature wall to draw attention.

Accessories
Swapping or adding accessories creates a simple change in rooms.

A vase of flowers is an easy and cheap way to add a feeling of luxury to the room.

Create wall decor using items you already have — hang a collection in frames or shadow boxes, hang a family heirloom quilt, or use an assortment of mirrors.

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▶ Licensed contractor Amy Matthews revamps homes with her team of DIY experts on Sweat Equity.

Lighting
It's easy to forget about using the lights in your home for more than their practical purpose.

Create drama or romance with a flick of a switch and illuminate your favourite elements of the living room for a fantastic effect.

Helpful tips
To consistently save money on updating your home, consider learning the basics of sewing. You'll make simple things like throw pillows and curtains at a fraction of the cost.

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Moist, decadent and gluten-free

These delicious Espresso Brownies replace white flour with brown rice flour They're great with milk

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Made with rich dark chocolate, a punch of espresso and rice flour, guests won't believe these thick and rich brownies are gluten-freen.

Gluten-Free Espresso Brownies

THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

▶ This recipe makes 24 brownies.

Preparation:

1. Line 23-cm (9-inch) square baking pan with parchment and lightly oil bottom. In large microwave-safe measuring cup, melt chocolate, butter and 15 ml (1 tbsp) of espresso powder in microwave. Stir to combine; set aside.
2. In bowl, using a hand mixer, beat eggs on medium-high until frothy. Add brown sugar and beat until mix is smooth. Stir melted chocolate mix into egg-sugar mix a little at a time. Add gradually and beat well about 1 min. Chocolate will look smooth and glossy.
3. In food processor, combine brown rice, rice flour, remaining espresso powder, salt and baking soda until well combined. Add rice mix into chocolate mix and beat well 1 min. Add vanilla and beat 1 min.
4. Fold in half of nuts, if using, and spread batter into prepared baking pan, smoothing top to even it out. Shake the pan a little to help even out the batter.
5. Bake in centre of 180 C (350 F) oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until brownies are set. Don't overcook (brownies should be fudgy rather than dry and crumbly). Let cool completely on a wire rack. Cover and refrigerate to chill for at least 2 hours or up to 1 day before cutting into squares (they are easier to cut when cold).

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Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) good-quality dark chocolate, chopped
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) butter
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) instant espresso powder
- 2 eggs
- 250 ml (1 cup) packed brown sugar
- 250 ml (1 cup) cooked brown rice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) brown rice flour
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking soda
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vanilla
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)

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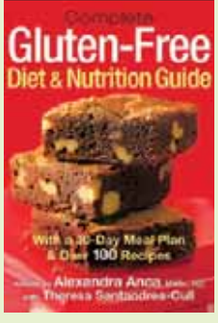

Today, a gluten-free lifestyle is not only for those with celiac disease.

People wanting to enjoy a healthier life are also cutting gluten out of their daily diet.

To help them, the Complete Gluten-Free Diet & Nutritional Guide by Alexandra Anca and Theresa Santandrea-Cull includes a comprehensive 30-day meal plan and recipes such as Chocolate Hazelnut Biscotti, Chicken Pot Pie, Lasagna with Meat Sauce, Battered Fish and more.

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Flames blame likely to rain down on Sutter

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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Jay Feaster will be faced with the toughest decision in his time as Calgary GM over the next two weeks: To fire coach Brent Sutter or not.

The Flames are entering a patch in their schedule that will largely determine their playoff future. They play eight games in 16 days. Six of those games are against teams Feaster fully expected his team to be better than. A year ago, a bad start put them in a hole they could not escape, even with an exceptional second half.

The betting is if Calgary doesn't win at least five of these eight games, (versus Chicago, Columbus, Detroit, St. Louis, Minnesota, Nashville, Columbus, Edmonton) Sutter will be dismissed.

Feaster talked profoundly that a turnaround would happen this season. In early October, he told a TV audience the Flames would most assuredly make the playoffs. He is also on the record recently saying the time for patience has passed.

Feaster made just slight personnel modifications over the last year (mainly dealing Robyn Regehr for Chris Butler and Daymond Langkow for Lee Stempniak), using the thought process the Flames were a darned good team in the second half. So Feaster entered this season with a very good feeling about a surge into the West's top eight.

The fact that hasn't happened has to fall on the shoulders of Sutter. Sure, it's the players who aren't producing (15 of 19 regular Calgary skaters are scoring below their career shooting percentage), but you can't fire them all or put them all on waivers.

Someone is to blame for Calgary's abysmal power play, or the fact the Flames rank third last in the NHL in offence, last in faceoff winning percentage and second highest in giveaways. The Flames aren't even entertaining to watch — they're fourth last in hits.

Calgary has outshot the opposition just seven times in 17 games. And on those seven occasions, the Flames are 1-5-1, easily the worst record in the NHL. That means Calgary's goalies are 6-4-0 in games the Flames have been outshot in.

For the Flames to get to the 97 points Chicago required to finish eighth last season, they need to go something like 37-20-8 from here on in.

So the decision is Feaster's. He can either recant what he was saying earlier about a lack of patience and give his troops more time to find their touch. Or he can soon make a tough decision on a coach whose system just isn't working.

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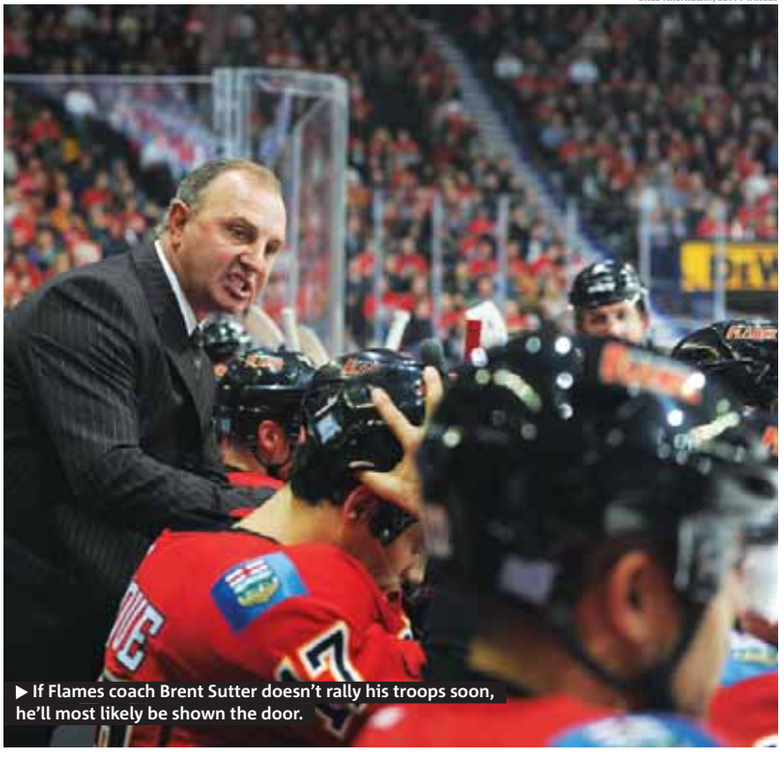

▶ If Flames coach Brent Sutter doesn't rally his troops soon, he'll most likely be shown the door.

"Sure, it's the players who aren't producing, but you can't fire them all or put them on waivers."

Quoted

"He's keeping everyone in the dark, just like he's keeping you guys (reporters) in the dark."

PITTSBURGH CENTRE JORDAN STAAL ON SIDNEY CROSBY. DESPITE INCREASING SPECULATION THAT THE NHL'S BIGGEST STAR IS NEARING A RETURN FROM HIS 10-MONTH CONCUSSION LAYOFF, THE PENGUINS RULED CROSBY OUT OF TONIGHT'S GAME AT TAMPA BAY. CROSBY LAST SPOKE TO REPORTERS ON NOV. 7. SINCE THEN, THE PENGUINS HAVE SAID HE WILL RESUME TALKING ONLY WHEN THERE IS A CHANGE IN HIS STATUS.

Tiger and ex-caddie set to face off

The Presidents Cup wasted no time delivering the match everyone was talking about — Tiger Woods against ex-caddie Steve Williams in the opening session at Royal Melbourne.

U.S. captain Fred Couples and International captain Greg Norman, hopeful of putting an end to a three-month soap opera involving Woods and Williams, put them together in the last of six foursomes matches today.

"I think it's great for the tournament," Norman said. "It needed to be done."

Lest anyone forget, Williams will be carrying the bag of Adam Scott.

On paper it will be Woods and Steve Stricker.

For sheer drama, it's more about Woods and Williams.

It will be the first time they have been in the same group since Woods officially fired him in late July.

The acrimonious split became evident when Scott won the Bridgestone Invitational, and Williams allowed himself to be interviewed on the 18th green and called it "the best win of my life." This from a caddie who was with Woods for 13 of his majors.

While getting roasted in Shanghai two weeks ago at a caddies party, Williams was asked about the interview while accepting his mock "Celebration of the Year" award and said, "It was my aim to shove it up his black (expletive)."

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Pittsburgh	18	11	4	1	2	57	43	25	6-1-1-0	5-3-0-2	7-2-0-1	W1
d-Buffalo	18	11	7	0	0	55	47	22	5-5-0-0	6-2-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
d-Washington	16	10	5	0	1	56	45	21	6-1-0-1	4-4-0-0	4-5-0-1	L2
NY Rangers	16	10	3	1	2	47	33	23	5-1-0-1	5-2-1-1	8-1-0-1	W7
Philadelphia	17	10	4	2	1	67	51	23	4-3-1-1	6-1-1-0	6-2-1-1	W2
Toronto	18	10	6	1	1	53	61	22	5-3-1-1	5-3-0-0	5-4-0-1	L2
Florida	17	9	5	0	3	52	42	21	2-2-0-3	7-3-0-0	5-2-0-3	W1
New Jersey	17	9	7	0	1	45	48	19	4-3-0-1	5-4-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Montreal	18	8	7	1	2	46	45	19	3-4-1-2	5-3-0-0	7-1-1-1	W1
Ottawa	19	9	9	0	1	56	66	19	5-4-0-1	4-5-0-0	5-4-0-1	W2
Boston	16	9	7	0	0	56	38	18	7-5-0-0	2-2-0-0	7-3-0-0	W6
Tampa Bay	17	8	7	0	2	48	55	18	5-1-0-0	3-6-0-2	6-4-0-0	L2
Winnipeg	18	6	9	2	1	48	60	15	3-3-0-0	3-6-2-1	4-4-2-0	W1
Carolina	19	6	10	2	1	46	67	15	4-4-0-1	2-6-2-0	3-7-0-0	L2
NY Islanders	15	4	8	2	1	31	47	11	4-4-1-0	0-4-1-1	1-6-2-1	L4

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Chicago	18	11	4	1	2	62	52	25	7-1-0-2	4-3-1-0	6-3-1-0	W3
d-Minnesota	18	10	5	2	1	43	38	23	5-2-1-0	5-3-1-1	8-2-0-0	W2
d-Dallas	17	11	6	0	0	48	47	22	6-2-0-0	5-4-0-0	5-5-0-0	L3
Phoenix	16	9	4	1	2	46	41	21	4-3-1-1	5-1-0-1	7-1-1-1	W2
Nashville	17	9	5	2	1	46	43	21	3-2-1-1	6-3-1-0	6-2-2-0	W1
Edmonton	17	9	6	0	2	39	38	20	5-1-0-1	4-5-0-1	6-4-0-0	L3
San Jose	15	9	5	1	0	44	39	19	4-3-1-0	5-2-0-0	7-2-1-0	L1
Detroit	16	9	6	1	0	43	35	19	7-2-1-0	2-4-0-0	4-5-1-0	L1
St. Louis	17	9	7	0	1	42	39	19	6-1-0-1	3-6-0-0	6-3-0-1	W2
Los Angeles	17	8	6	1	2	41	40	19	5-4-0-1	3-2-1-1	3-5-1-1	W1
Vancouver	18	9	8	0	1	55	51	19	4-2-0-1	5-6-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Colorado	18	8	9	1	0	52	60	17	2-6-0-0	6-3-1-0	2-7-1-0	L2
Calgary	17	7	9	1	0	36	45	15	3-5-1-0	4-4-0-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Anaheim	17	6	8	1	2	35	51	15	4-4-0-0	2-4-1-2	2-5-1-2	L1
Columbus	17	3	13	0	1	38	64	7	3-6-0-1	0-7-0-0	3-7-0-0	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Montreal 4 Carolina 0
New Jersey 5 Buffalo 3
Chicago at Vancouver
Anaheim at Los Angeles
Tuesday's results
Ottawa 3 Calgary 1
Phoenix 3 Toronto 2 (SO)
Boston 4 New Jersey 3
Florida 6 Dallas 0
Minnesota 4 Columbus 2
Nashville 3 Washington 1
N.Y. Rangers 4 N.Y. Islanders 2
Pittsburgh 6 Colorado 3
St. Louis 2 Detroit 1
Tonight's games
Columbus at Boston, 7 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Washington at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Phoenix at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

CANADIENS 4, HURRICANES 0

First Period
1. Montreal, Cammalleri 4 (Plekanec, Price) 7:15
2. Montreal, Weber 3 (Cole, Plekanec) 15:16 (pp)
Penalties — Eller Mtl (tripping) 5:10, St-Denis Mtl (tripping) 8:42, Allen Car (tripping) 14:37.
Second Period
3. Montreal, Subban 1 (Pacioretty, Desharnais) 6:13
4. Montreal, Moen 6 (Gomez, Subban) 19:21
Penalties — None.
Third Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Ruutu Car (high-sticking) 3:52, Desharnais Mtl (high-sticking) 4:27, Montreal bench (too many men; served by Gomez) 5:09, Ruutu Car (tripping) 6:47, St-Denis Mtl (holding) 14:44, Brent Car, Pacioretty Mtl (roughing, slashing) 17:35, Eller Mtl (roughing) 19:16.
Shots on goal by

Carolina	4	8	13	—25
Montreal	16	17	3	—35

Goal — Carolina: Ward (L,6-8-2); Montreal: Price: (W,7-6-3).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Carolina: 0-6; Montreal: 1-3.
Referees — Marc Joanette, Chris Rooney.
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LATE TUESDAY

SENATORS 3, FLAMES 1

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Giordano Cal (slashing) 5:14, Smith Ott (boarding) 19:33.
Second Period
1. Ottawa, Alfredsson 5 (Foligno) 18:44
2. Calgary, Kostopoulos 2 (Stajan) 19:46
Penalties — Konopka Ott, Kostopoulos Cal (fighting) 3:03, Winchester Ott (holding stick) 3:17, Condra Ott (slashing) 4:13, Horak Cal (holding) 6:29, Lee Ott (interference) 8:56.
Third Period
3. Ottawa, Butler 1 (Gonchar, Phillips) 9:50
4. Ottawa, Butler 2 (Winchester, Karlsson) 16:12
Penalties — Karlsson Ott (hooking) 0:39, Hannan Cal (hooking) 3:02, Butler Cal (delay of game) 11:06, Smith Ott (slashing) 19:09.
Shots on goal

Ottawa	14	9	9	—32
Calgary	11	17	11	—39

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (W,8-6-1); Calgary: Kiprusoff (L,7-7-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 0-4; Calgary: 0-6.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Kessel, Tor	13	12	25
Giroux, Pha	11	11	22
Vanek, Buf	11	11	22
D.Sedin, Vcr	6	16	22
Kopitar, LA	8	13	21
Pominville, Buf	7	14	21
Neal, Pgh	12	8	20
Seguin, Bos	11	9	20
Versteeg, Fla	9	11	20
H.Sedin, Vcr	6	14	20
Backstrom, Wash	5	15	20
Lupul, Tor	9	10	19
P.Kane, Chi	6	13	19
Benn, Dal	5	14	19
Stamkos, TB	11	7	18
Ma.Hossa, Chi	8	10	18
Skinner, Car	7	11	18
Smyth, Edm	10	7	17
Eriksson, Dal	9	8	17
Pavelski, SJ	9	8	17
T.Fleischmann, Fla	7	10	17
Jagr, Pha	6	11	17
Spezza, Ott	6	11	17
P.Sharp, Chi	5	12	17
Campbell, Fla	1	16	17
Karlsson, Ott	1	16	17
Michalek, Ott	11	5	16
Franzen, Det	9	7	16
M.Bergeron, TB	3	13	16
Edler, Vcr	3	13	16
Letang, Pgh	2	14	16

Last night's games not included

CFL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION FINALS

Sunday's games
All times Eastern
EAST
Hamilton at Winnipeg, 1 p.m.
WEST
Edmonton at B.C., 4:30 p.m.

99TH GREY CUP

Sunday, Nov. 27
At Vancouver
East vs. West champion, 6:30 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	3	0	.667	259	200
N.Y. Jets	5	4	0	.556	215	200
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	229	218
Miami	2	7	0	.222	158	178

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	7	3	0	.700	273	166
Tennessee	5	4	0	.556	186	172
Jacksonville	3	6	0	.333	115	166
Indianapolis	0	10	0	.000	131	300

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	3	0	.700	220	179
Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	225	152
Cincinnati	6	3	0	.667	212	164
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	131	183

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	5	4	0	.556	208	233
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	216	228
Denver	4	5	0	.444	188	234
Kansas City	4	5	0	.444	141	218

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667	218	211
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	223	182
Philadelphia	3	6	0	.333	220	203
Washington	3	6	0	.333	136	178

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	7	3	0	.700	313	228
Atlanta	5	4	0	.556	212	196
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	156	233
Carolina	2	7	0	.222	190	237

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	9	0	0	1.000	320	186
Detroit	6	3	0	.667	252	184
Chicago	6	3	0	.667	237	187
Minnesota	2	7	0	.222	179	244

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	8	1	0	.889	233	138
Seattle	3	6	0	.333	144	202
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	183	213
St. Louis	2	7	0	.222	113	223

Monday's result
Green Bay 45 Minnesota 7
WEEK 11
Byes: Houston, Indianapolis, New Orleans, Pittsburgh
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
N.Y. Jets at Denver, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
Tennessee at Atlanta, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
Kansas City at New England, 8:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

CHL/RUSSIA SUPER SERIES

Last night's result
At Regina
WHL 5 Russia 2
Monday's result
At Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
OHL 6 Russia 3
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
At Moose Jaw, Sask.
Russia vs. WHL, 8 p.m.

AHL

Last night's results
Oklahoma City 5 Rockford 4
Rochester 3 Syracuse 2
Springfield 3 Worcester 2 (OT)
Tonight's game
Peoria at Lake Erie, 7 p.m.

CURLING

CANADIAN MIXED CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

At Sudbury, Ont.

Province (Skip)	W	L
Alberta (Balderston)	10	1
New Brunswick (Robichaud)	8	3
Manitoba (Grassie)	7	4
Quebec (Ferland)	7	4
Saskatchewan (Ackerman)	7	4
Northern Ont. (Assad)	7	4
Ontario (M.Homan)	7	4
B.C. (Marshall)	6	5
P.E.I. (Gallant)	6	5
N.W.T. (Moss)	5	5
Nova Scotia (Sutherland)	2	8
N.L. (Alcock)	2	8
Nunavut (Sattelberger)	1	9
Yukon (Hamilton)	0	11

Yesterday's results
Draw 13
Northern Ontario 9 Manitoba 6
Northwest Territories 8 Newfoundland and Labrador 6
Nunavut 9 Yukon 5
Ontario 7 Nova Scotia 3
Quebec 11 British Columbia 2
Draw 14
Alberta 8 British Columbia 3
Manitoba 8 Yukon 5
Northern Ontario 7 New Brunswick 5
P.E.I. 9 Nunavut 2
Saskatchewan 10 Northwest Territories 4
Draw 15
Alberta 8 Ontario 5
British Columbia 11 Saskatchewan 4
New Brunswick 6 Nova Scotia 3
Newfoundland and Labrador 14 Yukon 4
P.E.I. 8 Quebec 5

FOOTBALL

CIS PLAYOFFS

Tomorrow's games
All times Eastern

UTECK BOWL
At Moncton, N.B.
McMaster vs. Acadia, 6:30 p.m.

MITCHELL BOWL
Laval at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 25

VANIER CUP
At Vancouver
Uteck vs. Mitchell Bowl winners, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Promoted Justin Hollander to director of baseball operations.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with INF Jamey Carroll on a two-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Claimed RHP Cole Kimball off waivers from Washington (NL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES—Purchased the contracts of RHP Jaye Chapman and RHP J.J. Hoover from Gwinnett (IL) and LHP Luis Avilan from Mississippi (SL).
HOUSTON ASTROS—Announced C Carlos Corporan cleared waivers and was sent outright Oklahoma City (PCL).
NEW YORK METS—Announced OF Nick Evans refused an outright assignment to Buffalo (IL) and elected to become a free agent.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Named Mike Aldrete bench coach Chris Maloney first base coach.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Sent OF Corey Brown outright to Syracuse (IL).

NFL
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed TE Steve Skelton to the practice squad. Released WR Isaiah Williams from the practice squad.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed RB Mike Goodson on injured reserve.
CHICAGO BEARS—Signed S Winston Venable. Placed S Anthony Walters on injured reserve.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed CB John Bowie to the practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS—Signed P Ben Graham. Released P Robert Malone. Signed DE Ugo Chinasa to the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed CB Benny Sapp. Placed CB Antoine Winfield on injured reserve.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Placed G Kris Dielman on injured reserve. Signed OL Ikechuku Ndukwe.

NHL
LEAGUE OFFICE — Suspended St. Louis F Chris Stewart three games for shoving Detroit D Niklas Kronwall from behind and into the boards during a Nov. 15 game in St. Louis.
BUFFALO SABRES—Recalled F Corey Tropp from Rochester (AHL).
MINNESOTA WILD—Reassigned C Casey Wellman to Houston (AHL).

AHL
CONNECTICUT WHALE—Signed F Aaron Voros to a professional tryout agreement.

ECHL
ELMIRA JACKALS—Announced D Mike Ratchuk was loaned to Syracuse (AHL).

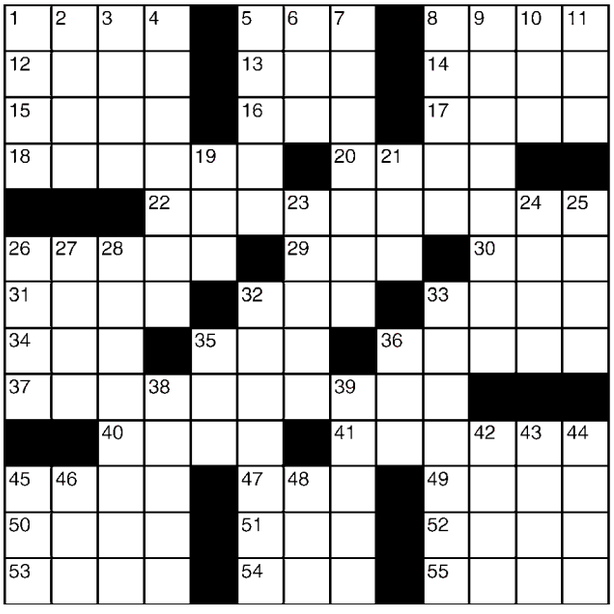
CHL
QUAD CITY MALLARDS—Signed D Taylor Vichorek.
RAPID CITY RUSH—Signed F Sean Wiles.

SOCCER

MLS PLAYOFFS

MLS CUP
Sunday's game
At Carson, Calif.
All times Eastern
Houston vs. Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

Crossword



Across

1 Arp's style
5 Dowel
8 Medal earner
12 Memo acronym
13 Motorists' org.
14 "Once — a time, ..."
15 Passenger's payment
16 "— Impossible"
17 Teeny amount
18 Activate, as a TV set
20 Reveille's opposite
22 Quake follow-up
26 Characteristic
29 Spot on a die
30 Buck's mate
31 Legacy recipient
32 Sleepy companion?
33 Green acres
34 Always, in verse
35 Pen name
36 Do very well
37 Cologne's cousin
40 Mosque VIP
41 Day spa treatment
45 For this reason
47 "— not choose to run"
49 Incite
50 Thai money
51 Round Table address
52 "Piggies"
53 Memory measure
54 Witness
55 Conclusions

Down

1 Crazy
2 Birthright barterer
3 Singer Vikki
4 Outdoor
5 Emulate Rembrandt
6 Chow down
7 Stomach-related
8 Contemptuous snort
9 Serialized
10 Deteriorate
11 Individual
19 Frequently, in verse
21 Cleo's slayer
23 Geological time
24 Heart
25 Nautical stabilizer
26 "Take — Train"
27 Coral structure
28 Unbreakable, as an alibi
32 Send packing
33 Do
35 Underwear with underwire
36 Longoria or Mendes
38 Overact
39 Earlier
42 Press
43 On in years
44 Not as much
45 Recede
46 Comic Romano
48 Conk out

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	9	2	4					5
				8	1		9	4
	7	1						
		8		9				3
	2						1	
6				5		8		
						4	7	
5	1		9	3				
9					6	3	5	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

4	7	5	2	9	6	1	3	8
2	9	8	4	1	3	7	6	5
1	3	6	5	7	8	4	2	9
3	4	7	8	6	5	2	9	1
8	1	2	7	3	9	5	4	6
6	5	9	1	2	4	3	8	7
7	2	4	9	8	1	6	5	3
9	6	1	3	5	2	8	7	4
5	8	3	6	4	7	9	1	2

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My Adonis, When you feel the void of my absence, you will be a distant, bitter-sweet memory. When you come to the realization of what you've lost, I only want you to remember this: I told you so. **YOUR CURSE**

8-Min-Older-Twin, Thought I'd return a kiss. My friend (the 'good sport' who put me up to this) & I met you & your other half at Corner Fifth. I told you I'd be back, but when I looked for you you were gone. I wanted to say thank you for the drink, and I'd love to go for dinner. never got the chance! I hope to see you again. **A**

A look at the weather

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Min -4° Max 2°	Min -13° Max -13°	Min -20° Max -10°

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Let someone know that he or she must meet you halfway if you're going to end your differences — for good.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The most important thing today, by far, is your attitude. Stay positive and positive things will happen.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Break free of attitudes you know are holding you back. Today's cosmic influences will help you.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You have everything going for you now. But, it won't last forever so make the most of your opportunities.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Domestic issues need to be handled with care today, as loved ones could be touchy for no good reason.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The planets indicate that what limited you yesterday will bring good fortune today. Make the most of it.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Good news on the work or money front will lift your spirits still higher over the next 24 hours.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't listen to what others say is and is not possible. Listen, instead, to what your inner voice tells you.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You're worrying for no good reason. What happens later today will convince you it's all in your mind.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Doors that were closed to you in the past are open to you now — so what's the catch? There isn't one.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You won't get all that you ask for today. But it'll be enough to keep you moving towards your goal.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. The planets are protecting you now, take a few risks because they are sure to pay off. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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